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RENEWED ATTACK ON MANILA

JAPANESE THREAT TO IPOH

WHILE rescuers were working among the battered streets and smouldering buildings in Manila yesterday, Japanese 'planes, flying in formation, renewed their attack on the city with a two hours' raid.

A few hours before the citizens had heard Tokyo radio broadcast a message to the Philippine President, Dr. Manuel Quezor, stating that the Japanese would only consider Manila an "open town" if the Philippine Army co-operated with the Japanese and ceased all resistance.

Meanwhile there is little fresh news of the fighting north and south of the capital. In both sections it had been stated early yesterday that the defenders, although outnumbered, were fiercely resisting the attacking Japanese forces.

In North-Western Malaya the Japanese drive has been renewed, with Ipoh, the "tin capital," as the next objective, and the battle for this valuable prize is in full swing.—(Press Association and Reuter.)

MORE JAPANESE AT LUZON

Describing Sunday's attack on the City of Manila a Reuter telegram says that it lasted over two hours. Several scores of bombs fell close to the heart of the down town section of the city, and many in the Pasig River in unsuccessful attempts to hit boats tied up there. Four major fires were burning fiercely. Bombs fell on the old fort, the Santiago Treasury building, Deletran College buildings, and a newspaper building, all of which were set on fire. The 'planes, which met with no opposition, flew low and bombed at will. Approaching in at least five formations, each of nine 'planes, they split into threes, unloading their bombs only a fraction of a second apart.

Fires, which blazed throughout Saturday night in the old walled city and in the port from the previous raid were still smouldering yesterday morning as the residents buried their dead. There is still no authoritative estimate of the number of dead.

The only additional news to reach London yesterday concerning the Philippines is that the Japanese are continuing to land in force in Lingayen Gulf on the west coast of Luzon

"NOT AN OPEN CITY," SAYS JAPAN

The Japanese forces in Luzon have rejected the American declaration designating Manila an open city, declared an Army spokesman at Japanese Imperial Headquarters in Tokyo yesterday.

"The Japanese Imperial Forces in the Philippines," he said, will not consider their action in any way restricted by such a unilateral announcement, but will carry out any steps considered necessary for the fulfilment of the war programme."

Actions would "be limited strictly to attacks on military objectives."

"The Japanese want the Filipino and American non-combatants at present in Manila to take refuge at Antipolo and Montalban. The Japanese in Luzon will cease firing only after the formal surrender of the American forces, and no sooner."—(Reuter.)

"Enemy pressure is increasing from the south-east," states an Army communiqué from General MacArthur's headquarters in Manila last night. "Our troops are resisting valiantly. There is very little activity in the north. Our anti-aircraft guns shot down at least three enemy bombers yesterday.

"Our bombers hit enemy transports at Davao on Christmas Night and succeeded in sinking one."

There has been a bitter outburst of indignation in the American Press and on the Radio at the bombing, and many threats of revenge.

The Herald Tribune says:—"If this means that they must be treated with a dose of their own medicine there will be few Americans who will suggest that they be spared. They have sown the wind and they shall reap the whirlwind."

The New York Times—"What we must note is that it is now more than ever certain that Japan is staking everything on a quick victory over the United States, to be accomplished before our own war effort has even started."

BLACK-OUT ENDED

Manila's fortnight-old black-out ended yesterday, when all black-out regulations in Metropolitan Manila were cancelled. The order was issued by the United States Staff Headquarters, and afterwards confirmed by the civil authorities. From the number of bombs dropped, possibly over 200, and the amount of damage to be seen, yesterday's raid may again be described from the military point of view as a failure. The fires have been fanned by a strong south-westerly wind, and, as seen last night from the top of a high building overlooking the port area, they appeared to be spreading.—(Reuter.)

PHILIPPINE BATTLE SUBSIDES

WASHINGTON, Sunday.—Fighting in the Philippines has subsided in intensity, according to a United States War Department *communiqué* this afternoon. The *communiqué* reads:—"Fighting on all fronts in the island of Luzon was confined to relatively unimportant operations. Enemy reinforcements are landing in large numbers in the vicinity of Damortis, in the Lingayen Gulf Heavy enemy air activity continues.

"Nothing to report from other areas."—(Reuter.)

JAPANESE CLAIM ALL HONG KONG

A Far East war *communiqué* from Singapore yesterday stated:—"On the Perak front our forces are in contact with the enemy. There has been patrol activity around Bianja, in the Chemor area. An enemy attack was beaten off with severe losses.

"Our artillery has been harassing the enemy's lines of communications and interfering with his efforts to cross the Perak River.

"In North-Eastern Malaya our artillery knocked out two of five enemy lorries proceeding along the coast between Kemanan and Kuamtam. Some armed Japanese dressed as Malays were captured yesterday.

"During the night our aircraft carried out a very successful bombing attack on Sungei Paadi aerodrome. At least ten aircraft were completely destroyed on the ground and a number of others damaged. Some buildings were destroyed and many fires were started. A heavy explosion occurred and the resultant fire could be seen by the crews of the returning aircraft at a distance of 50 miles. All our aircraft returned safely."

A joint *communiqué* issued in Tokyo by the Army and Navy sections of the Japanese Imperial Headquarters at midday yesterday (Tokyo time) stated that Japanese Army and Navy units completely occupied the entire island of Hong Kong at 6 p.m. on Friday night.

Headed by trumpeters, Japanese troops and marines made their ceremonial march into Hong Kong this afternoon, says the Domei News Agency last night. Formations of the Japanese Army and Navy aircraft flew overhead.

Occupation of the whole island was completed at 6 p.m. on Friday. The number of prisoners taken totals more than 5,000.

AMBUSH IN MALAYA

The situation in Malaya is materially unchanged, it was learned in London yesterday. Operations are confined to patrol activity, except at Blanja, on the Perak River. The comparative quiet may be due to the necessity of the Japanese bringing up supplies.

Japanese troops were twice successfully ambushed by Imperial forces during the fighting in Northern Perak, says an official account of the action, a Reuter telegram from Singapore states.

"An account has been received of a very successful action in Northern Perak on December 22nd and 23rd," it says. "An ambush was laid for an enemy force which was known to be approaching our position. Enemy scouts on bicycles were allowed to pass unmolested, so that the main body of troops following should fall into the trap. The action proceeded as planned. The enemy's main body came under very heavy fire and about 30 bodies were counted on the road. An enemy heavy motor was knocked out and our artillery fired with considerable effect on enemy troops further to the rear.

"After this reverse the enemy attempted an outflanking movement. This had been foreseen and a similar ambush had been laid. Again 30 enemy dead were counted. During the course of this very successful action our troops suffered no casualties whatever."

TOKYO, Sunday—The Domei News Agency claims that the Japanese forces in Malaya are already pressing on the frontier of Selangor State, south of Perak, on the west coast of Malaya. They add that Perak is now virtually under Japanese control.

SCORCHED EARTH POLICY

Sungei Siput, 25 miles north of Ipoh, where patrol engagements were reported on Friday, has been the scene of contact with an "enemy force," which indicates an engagement of a bigger nature than a mere clash between patrols, says Reuter in a telegram from Singapore. Reinforcements, which the Japanese have been bringing up to the Ipoh front, are probably now getting into position, and the lull in the fighting in North-West Malaya, which has lasted nearly a week, is likely to be broken shortly.

MANY DEAD IN AIR PORT

Parachutists were dropped from several 'planes about ten miles outside Medan, on the east coast of Sumatra, on Saturday, Reuter reports in a telegram from Batavia. Fighting is still in progress.

Twenty persons were killed and forty wounded in an attack on Medan airport yesterday afternoon by seventeen 'planes. A direct hit was scored on the office of the Royal Netherlands Indies Air Line, and one 'plane which was about to take off was burned out.

MORE LANDINGS ON LUZON

Tokyo reports, broadcast by German Radio, claimed that the Japanese had made two more landings on the west coast of Luzon Island, within 44 miles of Manila, on Saturday, says Associated Press. The Japanese were said to have occupied the island of Alabat, in Lamon Bay.

One of Malaya's finest mosques, in the heart of Kuala Lumpur, capital of the Federated Malay States, 180 miles northwards of Singapore, has been badly damaged as a result of a Japanese air attack.

Singapore's only attention on Christmas Day came in the form of leaflets dropped from high-flying 'planes, urging Asiatics to "burn all white devils in the sacred white flame of victory."

The Chinese communiqué broadcast by Chungking radio said this morning: Fighting continued in Northern Hunan, where the Japanese suffered severe casualties in a retreat to the south-west.

There were heavy casualties on both sides, where Japanese troops, covered by artillery fire, crossed a river near the Canton-Hankow railway on Saturday afternoon.—(Associated Press).

MORE JAPANESE IN MALAYA

TOKYO, Sunday.—The Japanese pushing southwards through the Central Malayan jungle are now, supported by reinforcements landed along the west coast, says the Domei Agency. These landings were presumably effected from Penang.—(Reuter).

RUSSIAN ADVANCE DEEPENS

FREEING MOSCOW AND TULA

MOSCOW, Sunday.—German losses are reaching colossal figures as day by day the Soviet offensive deepens in intensity and scope, according to reports from Moscow.

Latest Russian dispatches tell of big advances on all sectors, while the German High Command has admitted strong Russian attacks, although adding that they were repelled.

Reviewing recent successes, Moscow radio stated: "Moscow and Tula have been freed from immediate danger." During the last week, it said, the Germans had been thrown back to a distance averaging 40 to 60 miles. In addition to important towns recaptured, hundreds of large and small villages had been cleared.

It was stated to-day that in the last month on the Moscow front alone, the Germans lost more than 120,000 officers and men.—(Reuter.)

MOSCOW, Sunday.—"Moscow, the capital of the Soviet Union, and Tula, its armoury, have been freed from immediate danger," announced Moscow Radio to-day, in a review of the progress made on all fronts during the period between December 19 and 26.

"The enemy has been thrown back to a distance averaging 40 to 60 miles. Our advances on the northern sector of the front, in the Volokolamsk direction, and in the southern sector, to the south-west of Tula, form wedges into the enemy-occupied territory.

"In addition to the important towns recaptured during the week on the Moscow front, hundreds of large and small villages were also cleared of the enemy.

"The German resistance is most stubborn on the Mojaisk and Maloyaroslavets sectors, and our advances to the north and south of this part of the front have placed the enemy troops there in a dangerous position.

"Evidence has been obtained that the Germans are becoming alive to this danger, and are beginning to withdraw from this sector.

"On the southern and south-western fronts Russian forces have recaptured hundreds of villages.

"The retreating Germans fought most stubbornly and threw the remnants of their troops into the fighting, regardless of losses, in their efforts to stem the Russian advance."—(Reuter).

BIG GERMAN LOSSES

MOSCOW, Sunday — Details of the recapture during the night of 26th-27th of the town of Tim, 40 miles east of Kursk, are given to-day by a correspondent of *Pravda*, on the south-western front.

"The Germans, aware of the military importance of this small town, put up a stubborn fight, hurling into action picked units—the 9th Tank Division, 16th Motorised Division and 299th Infantry Division," he says. "But the Red Army troops dislodged them from the town and inflicted enormous losses, and, in one engagement alone, the enemy lost over 1,000 officers and men. In another sector of this front Russian units in two days cleared the invaders from about 100 populated places. Troops commanded by Gorodnyansky were responsible for the liberation of 24 villages. During these operations they killed about 2,000 German officers and men."—(Reuter.)

SOVIET MIDNIGHT COMMUNIQUE

MOSCOW, Sunday — To-night's Soviet communiqué said:—

"During the day our troops fought the enemy on all fronts.

"In a number of sectors of the front our troops continued to advance and occupied a number of localities.

"During Decemebr 28th four enemy 'planes were brought down in the vicinity of Moscow.

"Eight German 'planes were brought down on December 27th. Our losses were three 'planes."

The supplement to the communiqué states:—

"On December 27th our aircraft destroyed 45 German tanks, over 620 motor vehicles, 17 field-guns with their crews, 9 anti-aircraft guns, over 430 wagons, set fire to four railway trains and destroyed about five battalions of enemy infantry.

"Our units operating in one of the sectors of the south-western (Moscow) front, in the course of fierce fighting with the enemy, threw the Germans out of 24 localities, destroyed 80 enemy tanks, 4 armoured cars, 4 guns, and wiped out 2,000 officers and men. They also captured two tanks, 10 motor vehicles and a great deal of ammunition.

GERMAN REPORTS

BERLIN, Sunday.—To-day's German High Command *communiqué*, dated from the Fuehrer's Headquarters, says:—

"In the southern sector on the Eastern Front the enemy, who had made a few local breaches in our positions, was thrown back by daring counter-attacks. Italian and Slovak troops and the S.S. Viking Division, consisting of Danish, German, Finnish, Flemish, Dutch and Norwegian volunteers, have again distinguished themselves in the fighting.

"In the central sector of the Eastern Front strong enemy attacks were halted in hard fighting.

"Weak enemy attacks in the northern sector of the front were also repulsed.

"On all sectors of the front the German Air Force supported the operations of the Army by effective attacks on prepared positions, istallations in the rear of the enemy, and railway obectives.

"In the Straits of Kerch strong bomber and dive-bomber formations continued their attacks on enemy shipping. They sank three transports, totalling 2,800 tons, and damaged a gunboat and another four ships."—(Reuter.)

BERLIN, Sunday.—Fifteen Soviet vessels have been either sunk or damaged in the Kerch Straits, between the Black Sea and the Sea of Azov, during the past two days, the German official News Agency claimed to-night.—(Reuter.)

U.S. MILITARY ATTACHE

Lieutenant-Colonel John Reynolds, newly appointed Military *Attaché* to the American Legation in Ireland, has arrived in Dublin to take up his duties. He is 58, and served during the last war as Captain of a machine-gun battalion.



The judge, Mr. Jack Millar, presenting the first prize to Mr. John Reardon, Poplar Row, Dublin, winner of the annual Cab Derby.

AXIS STILL FALLING BACK IN LIBYA

ROYAL AIR FORCE RAIDS ON TRIPOLI

THE Axis forces in the Western Desert continue to retreat from the British Eighth Army.

Latest news is that the British have intensified their pressure in the Jedabya area, and that the territory between it and Benghazi is now almost clear of Axis forces.

There is no confirmation in London of a report that reinforcements for General Rommel have reached Tunisia. A report from Ankara says that an armoured division, which was to have been sent to the Western Desert, is now held up, and will be transferred to the Russian front.

Latest news of Royal Air Force activity mentions raids on Bardia and Tripoli, and also on shipping.—(Press Association and Reuter.)

Sunday's Middle East communiqué from Cairo stated:—

"Yesterday our forces intensified their pressure on the enemy in the Jedabya area.

"The area between Benghazi and Jedabya is now almost clear of enemy forces, and such small parties as remain there are steadily being mopped up.

"Still more enemy motor transport and petrol tank wagons were destroyed by our air forces yesterday at, and south-west of, Jedabya."

"A strong force of Royal Air Force and Free French bomber aircraft attacked objectives within the Bardia perimeter yesterday (December 27)," said Sunday's Royal Air Force Middle East communiqué. "Hits were scored on pill boxes and gunnery defence positions, as well as on motor transport vehicles and barrack buildings, and fires broke out.

"During Friday night (December 26-27) bomber aircraft raided merchant ships in the harbour at Zuara, on the coast of Tripolitania. A hit was obtained on one of the ships, which blew up with a violent explosion. Store dumps in the town were also bombed. The harbour at Tripoli was again attacked, bombs falling on ships in the port, and a large fire being started near the Spanish fort. Aircraft also machine-gunned enemy transport moving from Tripoli towards Homs.

AXIS REPORTS

Yesterday's Italian communiqué said: "An enemy infantry attack, supported by armoured units, failed in the area south of Benghazi. Some losses were inflicted on the British and some prisoners were captured.

"Artillery activity is reported on the Sollum and Bardia fronts. German air formations repeatedly bombed important centres in the British rear lines, and attacked airports.

"Fires and explosions wrecked 'planes on the ground, and several destroyed motor vehicles were observed.

"The anti-aircraft defences of a large Italian naval unit brought down three British 'planes. Another 'plane was brought down by the defences of Tripoli during a raid which caused a few casualties and slight damage.

The German communiqué said:—"In North Africa British attacks against German and Italian positions failed.

"Units of the German Air Force successfully attacked British aerodromes, mechanised columns and canvas camps in Cyrenaica.

"During bomber attacks on aerodromes and port installations in Malta three British 'planes were shot down by German fighter escorts."—(Reuter.)

GENERAL SMUTS'S MESSAGE

PRETORIA, Sunday.—General Smuts, Union Prime Minister and Commander-in-Chief, has cabled General Auchinleck, Commander-in-Chief, Middle East:—"As your brilliant Libyan campaign is nearing a successful close, I send you the most cordial congratulations of South Africa. It is the finest Christmas box you could have given us and the whole Empire."—(Reuter.)

GERMAN 'PLANE LANDS IN KERRY

An official announcement on Saturday stated that "a German 'plane made a forced landing near Waterville, Co. Kerry, on December 26. The crew, who were uninjured, were interned."

LORD MOYNE'S MESSAGE TO SIR MARK YOUNG

In a message to Sir Mark Young, Governor of Hong Kong, Lord Moyne, British Colonial Secretary, says that "the day of reckoning will follow, and all shall come right in the end." The message, which has been sent via the Governor of the Straits Settlements, "for transmission by any available means," adds:—"It is a good fight you have fought, and I send you and all who held out so splendidly against overwhelming force the thanks of His Majesty's Government. The defence of Hong Kong will live in the story of the Empire, to which it adds yet another chapter of courage and endurance. But it is only for a time that the Colony is lost."

ANGLO-AMERICAN CONFERENCES

"MUCH ACCOMPLISHED," SAYS MR. ROOSEVELT

WASHINGTON, Sunday.—It is believed here that a comprehensive agreement covering key strategic and supply problems has been reached during President Roosevelt's conferences with Mr. Churchill and with representatives of the other allied nations.

The text of Mr. Roosevelt's statement, issued late on Saturday night by Mr. Stephen Early, the President's Private Secretary, reads:—

"Much has been accomplished in this week through the medium of the many conferences held, in meetings of the supply and production officials, in sessions held by members of the military and naval groups, and in discussions with chiefs of the missions of all nations that are at war with the common enemy.

"Included were conferences with the Russian and Chinese Ambassadors, the Canadian Prime Minister and the Netherlands Minister.

"As a result of all these meetings, I know to-night that the position of the United States, and of all the nations aligned with us, has been strengthened immeasurably.

"We have advanced far along the road toward achievement of the ultimate objective, the crushing defeat of those forces that attacked and made war upon us.

"The conferences will continue for an indefinite period of time. It is impossible to say just now when they will terminate.

"It is my purpose, as soon as it is possible to give, in so far as the safety of the world permits the giving of information of military value to the enemy, a more detailed account of all that has taken place in Washington this week, and all that will take place during the remainder of the meetings.

"The present over-all objective is the marshalling of all resources, military and economic, of the world-wide front opposing the Axis.

"Excellent progress along these lines is being made.

FIRST STAGE ENDED

The feeling in Washington after last night's statement from the White House summarising the work accomplished since Mr. Churchill's arrival is that the first stage of "preliminary conversations" has ended.

To most observers it seems highly improbable that Mr. Churchill, who is to speak to the Canadian Parliament in Ottawa next Tuesday, has left unsolved these important problems he set out to solve when he left London. All indications are that the talks have been as satisfactory to all concerned as they have been swift.

On the question of strategy, it is believed that what might have been a thorny problem — the division of American naval strength between the Atlantic and Pacific—has been settled to the complete satisfaction of everyone. This was because both parties refused to divert their efforts on to Japan despite the multiplicity of Japanese attacks on American territories and communications in the Pacific.

There was intense activity in the White House yesterday, representatives of thirty-two nations, including Latin-American diplomats, being called into consultation.

The President's statement that conferences would go on for an indefinite period is interpreted as meaning conversations among the military, naval and technical advisers of both sides, who will continue to work out, in Washington, details of the broad strategy decided upon by President Roosevelt and Mr. Churchill, in conjunction with the War Council.

MR. CHURCHILL'S VISIT TO CANADA

OTTAWA, Sunday — Public enthusiasm at Mr. Churchill's visit indicates that he will have a most enthusiastic reception. Hotels here are already crowded and every train is bringing hundreds of people eager to see the British Premier. There is a tremendous demand for seats in the galleries of the House of Commons to hear Mr. Churchill's speech to the Senators and members of the Commons at 2 p.m. (E.S.T.) on Tuesday. For reasons of security the exact time of his arrival in Ottawa is being kept a secret until the last minute. He is staying at the Governor-General's residence on a two-day visit. He will dine on Tuesday night with Mr. MacKenzie King, Canadian Prime Minister, and on Wednesday with the Earl of Athlone, the Governor-General.—(Reuter.)

PEAT AND COAL GAS

In view of the shortage of suitable gas coal, the Emergency Scientific Research Bureau has carried out a series of tests at the Kilkenny Gas Works which show that a mixture of peat and coal can be used to make town gas. It was found that a mixture containing up to 40 per cent. by weight of turf can be used without any special difficulty. The results of the experiments have been confirmed by independent trials carried out at other gas works. At a recent meeting with the managers of the various gas undertakings, at which the results were discussed, it was agreed that the use of mixtures of peat and coal was likely to assist the smaller gas works to continue in production.

NO BOMBS DROPPED

Although there was slight coastal activity by night raiders no bombs were reported to have been dropped on Britain up to an early hour this morning, says the Press Association.

MR. EDEN'S MOSCOW TALKS

STEP TOWARDS CLOSER COLLABORATION

A VISIT by Mr. Anthony Eden, British Foreign Secretary, to Moscow to see M. Stalin, while Mr. Churchill and President Roosevelt were meeting in Washington, was disclosed in an Anglo-Soviet communiqué at midnight.

The fact of the visit was kept as close a secret as Mr. Churchill's Transatlantic visit.

The communiqué emphasises that post-war problems were discussed, and states that both parties are convinced that the conversations constitute "a new important step forward towards closer collaboration between the U.S.S.R. and Great Britain."

The *communiqué* was as follows:—"In the second half of December, 1941, there took place in Moscow, between the President of the Council of the People's Commissars, I. V. Stalin, and the People's Commissar for Foreign Affairs, V. M. Molotoff, on the one hand, and the British Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Anthony Eden, on the other, an exhaustive exchange of views on questions relating to the conduct of the war, and to post-war organisation of peace and security in Europe.

"The Soviet Ambassador in Great Britain, M. Maisky, and His Majesty's Ambassador in the U.S.S.R., Sir S. Cripps, were present at these conversations. Further, some of the meetings were attended by the British Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Sir A. Cadogan, and by the Vice-Chief of the British Imperial General Staff, Lieutenant-General Nye.

"The conversations, which took place in a friendly atmosphere, showed identity of views of both parties on all questions relating to the conduct of the war, and especially with regard to the necessity for the utter defeat of Hitlerite Germany, and the adoption thereafter of measures to render completely impossible any repetition of German aggression in future.

"Exchange of views on questions relating to post-war organisation of peace and security provided much important and useful material, which will facilitate a future elaboration of concrete proposals on this subject.

"Both parties are convinced that the Moscow conversations constitute a new important forward step towards closer collaboration between the U.S.S.R. and Great Britain."—Associated Press.

CHINA REPRESENTED

Frank A. King, Press Association Diplomatic Correspondent, says: Mr. Eden's meeting with M. Stalin represents a momentous step forward in the Allied grand strategy for victory. The discussion took place while Mr. Churchill was conferring with President Roosevelt in Washington on joint plans for unity and action. Mr. Eden also met high military representatives of General Chiang Kai-Shek.

Throughout the meetings Moscow and Washington were kept in touch with one another, so that the decisions taken might be implemented by all, and measures were also taken to keep the Dominions and all Allied Governments advised of the progress made.

The Moscow meeting was under discussion before Japan attacked America, but with the entry of the United States into the war, and the consequent vast extension of the conflict, the arrangements were rushed forward, so that at the earliest possible moment the Great Powers might concert their strategy by land, air and sea. Equally important decisions concerning production and a common pool of war material and diplomatic policy were reached.

The main purpose of both meetings was the setting up of some form of supreme Allied Council to direct and control the grand strategy of the Allies from now until the end of the war. Where and when it shall meet were among the matters discussed both in Washington and Moscow. American observers are of the opinion that Washington will be the principal meeting place.

Some idea if the wide scope of the Moscow talks is given by the fact that Sir Hugh Knatchbull-Hugessen, British Ambassador to Turkey, and Sir Reader Bullard, British Minister in Teheran, were, I learn, present during the discussions, says the Press Association Lobby Correspondent. Their advice on the Middle East situation, and the possible course of events there, would, no doubt, be of the greatest value when co-ordinated plans were being drawn up.

MR. EDEN ON RUSSIAN FRONT

A Press Association Diplomatic Correspondent learns that during Mr. Eden's visit to Moscow M. Stalin gave a banquet in the Kremlin, at which Mr. Eden was the chief guest. Mr. Eden also was granted facilities to visit the battle front—presumably in the Moscow zone.

AUSTRALIA—UNITED STATES ALLIANCE

MR. CURTIN EXPLAINS

CANBERRA, Sunday.—Commenting on his "Australia Shall Not Go" article in the *Melbourne Herald*, in which he declared that Australia was looking to the United States, rather than to Britain, for help in resisting Japan, Mr. Curtin, Australian Premier, said that he did not mean by this any weakening in the inter-relationship of British peoples.

Mr. Curtin explained that what he was stressing was the inevitability of a geographical and military alliance between Australia and the United States, but not a political fusion. His view, however, that Australia regards the Pacific struggle primarily as one in which the United States and Australia must have the fullest say in gaining support here.

Mr. Curtin has apparently decided that Australia has too much to lose by delay in meeting the Pacific menace, realising that with Britain's preoccupation in many fields he needs a powerful friend near at hand. So, on the advice of Dr. Evatt, Australian Attorney-General and Minister of External Affairs, he has taken a new step towards greater nationalisation for Australia.

Opening a conference of judges and officers of the Federal and State Arbitration Courts and representatives of employers' and workers' organisations, Mr. Curtin warned Australians that peace-time industrial practices must now be over-ridden by the stern duty of defence.

Mr. Churchill is understood to have sent a reply, "encouraging in tone," to Mr. Curtin, following representations on the Australian point of view to the Washington conference. It will be discussed by the War Cabinet in Melbourne on Tuesday.—(Reuter.)

SYDNEY PAPER'S ATTACK

SYDNEY, Monday.—Mr. Curtin's "Australia-looks-to-America's" statement is described as "deplorable," in a leading article in the *Sydney Morning Herald* to-day. "Australians do not wish," the newspaper continues, "to have the impression created either in Britain or in the United States of America that they are more concerned with ensuring their own immunity from attack that with the defeat of the whole Axis conspiracy against the free world.

"Surely Mr. Curtin could not have wished to convey an impression so damaging to Australia's reputation, nor have intended that his maladroit references to the British connection should be interpreted as suggesting that Britain is indifferent to Australia's fate, or unable to give real help. He has not made the slightest acknowledgment of what Australia owes to the sheltering power of Britain."

Mr. W. M. Hughes, Deputy Leader of the Opposition, commenting on Mr. Curtin's statement that it would be "suicidal for Australia to regard Britain's support as of less importance than that of the United States and Russia."—(Reuter).

TWO BRITISH VESSELS SUNK

A British Admiralty communiqué last night stated:—

"The Board of Admiralty regrets to announce that the auxiliary vessel H.M.S. Chakdina (Lieut.-Commander W. R. Hickey, R.N.R.) and H.M. yacht Rosabelle (Lieut. H. S. Findlay, R.N.R.) have been sunk The next-of-kin of casualties have been informed."

Another Admiralty communiqué stated:—

"An enemy bomber was destroyed on Saturday night by the gunfire of one of our convoys. No casualty or damage was suffered either by the ships in the convoy or their escorts. There were no survivors from the enemy aircraft."

Yesterday's German High Command communiqué claims that off the east coast of England on Saturday night German bombers sank a merchant ship of 6,000 tons.—(Reuter.)

THE DEFENCE OF BURMA

GENERAL WAVELL IN COMMAND

General Sir Archibald Wavell, Commander-in-Chief in India, has taken over the defence of Burma, and Lieutenant-General T. J. Hutton, Chief of the General Staff in India, has been appointed General Officer Commanding, Burma, in succession to Lieutenant-General D. K. McLeod.

These new moves in the Far Eastern theatre, swiftly following the appointment of Lieutenant-General Sir Henry Pownall as Commander-in-Chief, Far East, and General Wavell's visit to General Chiang Kai-shek, were announced by the War Office in London on Saturday.

ITALO-FRENCH RELATIONS

The appointment of M. Gino Buti to the post of Italian Plenipotentiary in Paris marks the "resumption of French-Italian diplomatic relations," and is the outcome of the recent conversation in Turin between Ciano and Darlan.

Ever since the armistice was signed in 1940 an unbridgeable chasm has separated France and Italy, because France refused even to discuss Italian territorial claims.

VICHY, Sunday.—Admiral Darlan, Vichy Premier and Navy Minister, has been spending several days at his home in Toulon, the French Mediterranean naval base, it was revealed here to-day. He left Toulon for Vichy this morning.—(Reuter.)

NORWAY COAST RAID

GERMAN SHIPS ATTACKED

A RAID against shipping off the Northern Norwegian coast on Saturday by British forces was described last night in a British Admiralty communiqué as follows:—

"On Saturday, December 27, a small scale raid, mainly against enemy shipping, was carried out on the Norwegian coast by a combined force of the Royal Navy, the Army and the R.A.F.

"The operation was entirely successful in all respects, and all our ships returned fit for immediate service.

"A further *communiqué* will be issued as soon as details are available."

GERMAN REPORTS

A German official News Agency report (quoted by Reuter) states:—

"British warships appeared at several points off the Northern Norwegian coast yesterday and carried out landings and nuisance raids on several small islands far away from the main centres of coastal defence. When German aircraft and coastal guards made their appearance the enemy withdrew his assault detachments to the ships."

The German High Command *communiqué* stated:—"On December 27 British naval forces attempted a sudden attack at two remote points off the Norwegian coast. After short, violent fighting with the local forces of the Army, the British landing parties were driven back. They withdrew to their ships.

"German bombers sank a destroyer out of a fleeing naval unit, and damaged a cruiser and another destroyer. Ten enemy bombers were shot down in air combats and by anti-aircraft guns.

"The German patrol boat, Foehn, was attacked by numerous British bombers. The patrol boat shot down an enemy 'plane and then went down in a heroic fight against the superior fire of a British cruiser and several destroyers. A few Norwegian merchant ships engaged in peaceful coastal shipping were attacked and sunk by the British."

A claim that British forces lost 23 'planes in the attempted landing off the Norwegian coast over Christmas was made by the official German News Agency yesterday.—(Reuter.)

BIG AIR RAID ON DUSSELDORF

MANY FIRES LEFT BURNING

Many fires were started in the industrial districts of Dusseldorf on Saturday night after a powerful force of British Bomber Command Aircraft had attacked targets in Western Germany. Other R.A.F. night activities included attacks on Brest, Boulogne, and the aerodrome at Soesterberg, in Holland.

An Air Ministry *communiqué* states:—"Last night a powerful force of Bomber Command aircraft attacked targets in Western Germany. At Dusseldorf, the main objective, industrial districts were heavily bombed, and many fires were left burning.

"The aerodrome at Soesterberg, in Holland, was attacked, while enemy aircraft were landing, and bombs were seen to burst on the runway. Other forces attacked the naval base at Brest and the docks at Boulogne.

"Mines were laid in enemy waters. Hudson aircraft of Coastal Command last night bombed the aerodrome at Sola in Norway. Seven aircraft of Bomber Command are missing from these operations."

The German *communiqué* yesterday stated: "Last night British bombers attacked Western Germany. Some civilians were killed and injured. According to reports so far received, night fighters and anti-aircraft guns shot down ten enemy bombers."—(Reuter.)

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BIRTHS.

CAREW—On December 28, 1941, at Hatch Street Nursing Home, to Sylvia, wife of Captain the Lord Carew, D.C.L.I., a son.

WILSON—November 20, 1941, at London, to Doris (née Nichols), wife of Leonard Wilson, 36 Dulverton Mansions, Gray's Inn road, London, a daughter (Madeline Ann).

MARRIAGE.

HOLT and DAVIES—November 29, 1941, at St. Margarets, Wellington, Hereford, by Rev. Canon Clough, M.A., Gordon, Sergeant-Instructor, R.A.F., son of Charles and Florence Holt, 220 Howth road, Dublin, to Ivy Marion, only daughter of Gethin and Alice Davies, Wellington, Hereford.

DEATHS.

BENNETT—December 27, 1941, at Barry's Hall, Timoleague, Thomas Bennett, M.D., late of Bangor, Co. Down. Funeral at 3 p.m. this day (Monday) for Clonakilty. No flowers.

BYRNE—December 27, 1941, at St. Vincent's Hospital, Norah, late of 9 Harcourt street, and relict of the late Martin Byrne. Deeply regretted by her sorrowing son, brothers, sisters and a large circle of friends. R.I.P. Remains will be removed to St. Teresa's, Clarendon street, this (Monday) evening at 6 o'clock. Funeral to-morrow (Tuesday) at 10.30 to Dean's Grange. The 8 o'clock Mass will be offered for the happy repose of her soul.

de VETTE—December 25, 1941 (suddenly), at 25 Nassau street, Delta Maude de Vette. Funeral private.

DONALDSON—August 15, 1941 (very suddenly), at Melbourne, Sarah Jane, dearly-loved wife of the late Frank Donaldson, Dublin. Loving mother of Frida (Mrs. D. King, Rosevears, Frankston, Victoria, Australia).

EGAN—December 28, 1941, at his residence, 52 Northumberland road, Dublin, Frank, eldest son of the late Edward and Catherine Egan. R.I.P. Funeral strictly private. No flowers. Mass will be celebrated at St. Mary's, Haddington road, on Wednesday, 31st December, at 9 a.m.

GOGGIN—Ellen Mary Goggin, late of Hollyville House, Monkstown, County Dublin.

GOUGH—December 24, 1941, Richard Mannix, aged 21, Private, 6th Field Company, Engineers, beloved son of Richard and May Gough, 44 Merrion road, Ballsbridge. R.I.P. Interment took place at Glasnevin Cemetery, Friday, 26th December.

Go ndeanfaidh Dia trócaire ar a anam.

MASSY (Leixlip Castle)—On Christmas Day, 1941, the Honourable Mrs. Evelyn Massy, to the inexpressible grief of her son and mother. Funeral after Service in Leixlip Church at 11.30 a.m. to-day (Monday) to Dean's Grange.

O'CONNOR—December 24, 1941, at a private nursing home, after a short illness, Mary E. O'Connor, 1 University road, Galway, aged 84 years. R.I.P.

PLUNKETT—December 26, 1941, at a Dublin hospital, Sarah, widow of the late John Plunkett, Solicitor, Dublin. Deeply regretted. R.I.P. Funeral private.

RODDY—December 28, 1941, at her residence, 123 Seafield road, Clontarf, Nora Agnes (née O'Brien). Deeply regretted by her sorrowing husband, daughters, sisters, brothers, relatives and friends. Remains removed to Church of St. John the Baptist, this (Monday) evening at 6 o'clock. Funeral to Glasnevin, after 10 o'clock Mass, to-morrow (Tuesday). No flowers, prayers instead.

ROWAN—On December 28, 1941, at Mount Saville, Terenure, Amelia, widow of the late Michael Rowan. R.I.P. Requiem Mass, 9 a.m., to-morrow (Tuesday), St. Paul's Retreat, Mount Argus. Funeral private.

SHANNON—December 27, 1941, John, late of 28 Frascati Park, Blackrock, Co. Dublin. Burial at Mount Jerome Cemetery, 9.30 a.m., to-day (Monday). "How good is the God we adore."

SHIELDS—December 27, 1941, at Baggot Street Hospital, William T., husband of Mrs. Kathleen Shields, recently deceased (late Ferrier, Pollock and Co., Ltd.). Deeply regretted by his relatives and friends. Funeral leaves Derryhoo to-day (Monday) at 2 o'clock for Service at Belturbet. Interment immediately afterwards.

SINCLAIR—December 28, 1941, at Richmond Hospital, Alexander, beloved husband of Edith Sinclair, 34 Ivar street. "Absent from the body, present with the Lord." Funeral arrangements later.

STEPHENSON—December 27, 1941, at Ashfield, Cootehill, Kathleen Stephenson. Deeply regretted. Funeral at 2 o'clock (S.T.) to-day (Monday) to Cootehill Presbyterian Church.

WINTER—On December 28, 1941, at Kingswood House, Clondalkin, Jane Elizabeth Winter, at an advanced age. Funeral private.

ANNOUNCEMENTS received late for this Column will be found on Page 4.

IN MEMORIAM.

COPE—In loving memory of Hanna, wife of the late Samuel C. Cope, Prumplestown, Castledermot, who died December 29th, 1938, and of their son, Herbert, who died December 30th, 1931.

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PRESENTATION TO MR. ERNEST BLYTHE

CLONDALKIN PAPER MILLS' TRIBUTE

After the general meeting of the Clondalkin Paper Mills, Ltd., at 3 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin, last Saturday, the directors presented Mr. Ernest Blythe, former secretary of the company, with a silver salver, worked in a Celtic design.

Mr. J. J. Walsh, chairman of the company, in making the presentation, said that Mr. Blythe had been called to the helm at the formation of the mills. During the formative years of the company, when staffs had to be recruited, the greatest responsibility was borne by Mr. Blythe. He had filled the post of secretary of the Clondalkin Mills with exceptional brilliancy, and they were sorry, indeed, to lose his services.

Mr. Blythe, returning thanks, said that he would treasure the gift as a memento of his association with them in business. He considered that he had been very fortunate in being associated with Clondalkin, and with such a Board of directors. They had shown courage and enterprise, and always were careful of the interests of the shareholders and of the country. A great industry, Clondalkin was as yet only at the beginning of its growth and it had great possibilities. But for the courage and enterprise of the company many other industries would find themselves suffering greater hardship by reason of the present crisis.



Mr. J. J. Walsh, Chairman of Clondalkin Paper Mills, making a presentation to Mr. Ernest Blythe, formerly secretary to the company, at their annual meeting.

HUME STREET HOSPITAL CONCERT

At Hume Street Skin and Cancer Hospital on St. Stephen's Day the patients were entertained to a concert by the Legion of Mary. The artists included Miss Noelle Jeannette (soprano), Mr. P. Delaney (tenor), Mr. Leo Maguire (baritone), Mr. C. Byrne (bass), Mr. Pat Hayden (humorist), Mr. C. Rogers (conjurer), Doherty Bros., singers and accordionists, and A. Impy, while troupe of dancers completed an excellent programme. Those present included Rev. P. Rafter, Westland row; Dr. Brady, Resident, and Miss Hanrahan, Matron.

ABBEYFEALE SHOOTING

There have been no developments in connection with the fatal shooting of Denis Collins (20), Abbeyfeale, late on Christmas Eve while he was sitting beside the window of his home reading the newspaper. Gardai and detectives have been very active in this part of County Limerick since the shooting, and a number of persons have been interrogated in connection with the matter. So far, however, no arrest has been made.

Presentation at Portrane.—On her retirement, Mrs. Boyce, deputy charge nurse, was made the recipient of a case of cutlery and a wallet of notes by the staff of Portrane Mental Hospital.

COMPANY MEETING.

CLONDALKIN PAPER MILLS, LTD.

Plea for Afforestation on Big Scale

Presiding at the fifth ordinary general meeting of the Clondalkin Paper Mills, Ltd., at 3 Stephen's Green, on Saturday, Mr. J. J. Walsh, Chairman, in proposing the adoption of the report and statement of accounts, said:—

A Cháirde, Cúis mhór áthais dom bheith i gceannas annso indiu, agus i n-aimhdheoin staid mí-shocair an domhain de bharr chogaidh, fáilte do chur romhaibh sgaireánaigh na Comhlucta so go dtí ár gcúigeamhadh cruinniú bliantamhail.

Trading for the year under review, including £480 forward from the previous year, shows a nett profit of £34,840, out of which provision has had to be made for income tax, corporation profits tax and excess corporation profits tax amounting to £23,600, leaving a balance of £11,240.

After a great deal of consideration, including a deputation to the Minister for Finance, your Board now recommends the payment of a six per cent. dividend, amounting nett to £7,850, leaving £3,390 to be carried forward.

From this allocation it will be observed that there is nothing for ordinary reserve, nor has it been possible to place anything to reserve against pulp and machinery paid for, but held up in Continental countries. Likewise nothing is available for the reduction of flotation expenses.

SHARP CONTRAST

Twelve months ago your company paid a ten per cent. dividend, being the first and only return the shareholders have had since the inception of the concern in 1936. It will be recalled that the earnings on that occasion approximated closely to those for the year under review. Then, unlike now, £7,500 was placed to special reserve, while £3,500 went to the reduction of preliminary expenses.

Shareholders need scarcely be told that this sharp contrast in the respective allocations is due to legislation embodied in the Finance Act of the current year. This legislation, justifiable in the circumstances of the time in its application to companies of long standing, is nothing short of confiscation when applied to a company like Clondalkin, which had scarcely been fully organised when hostilities broke out. In the former category an earning standard had been established, and there was little room for complaint if the State in the present emergency thought proper to annex fifty per cent. of any excess beyond that standard. In our case, however, there had been no opportunity for the establishment of a standard, and because of this the State proceeds to take about 70 per cent. of our nett earnings. Worse still, if the present legislation remains unamended next year, the annexation will reach 75 per cent.

FLIGHT OF CAPITAL

A great deal of propaganda is made of the fact that three hundred millions of Irish money is invested abroad against a fraction of that sum here at home. How legislators, who pretend to deplore this flight of capital for the development of foreign lands while their own is largely neglected, could have permitted such penal legislation is difficult to diagnose. Legislation of the kind would justify the assumption that there had been a scramble to invest at home. In point of fact, with the exception of Clondalkin and a few others in some measure associated, the taxpayers, through their agent, the Industrial Credit Company, have had to come to the rescue to make flotations possible at all.

We in this company have more than ordinary reason to feel embittered at such treatment. Our considerable capital was subscribed without the aid of the taxpayer. It is wholly Irish. Some seven hundred of its thousand shareholders are small men in the terms of finance. Insistent calls over a generation to restart Clondalkin was the impelling motive. In the present emergency, this mill, with its neighbour—Killeen—started in somewhat similar circumstances, provide two-thirds of the native produced paper and cardboard of the State. Bad as the situation is to-day, had men not been found to restart these mills hundreds of industries and practically the whole people, in one way or another, would have been adversely affected. It is not unreasonable to demand that those who preferred to assist in the rebuilding of their own country, as we have done, should not be penalised for so doing.

CRUSHING BURDEN

Another and more serious aspect of this crushing impost is the fact that in the new situation we have been unable to place anything to reserve. Considering the inflated price of woodpulp, almost eight times the pre-war cost, it is clear that a sudden termination of the war may leave us with an unenviable burden.

The situation taken as a whole appeared so serious that we sought and secured a hearing from the Minister for Finance. The Minister, in due course, reduced his attitude to writing, under date 9th December, 1941, as follows:—

"I am directed by the Minister for Finance to refer to your letter of the 27th ultimo regarding the effect of the tax provisions in the Finance Act, 1941, on the Clondalkin Paper Mills, and to say that representations for a modification of these provisions have also been made by other companies somewhat similarly circumstanced to the Clondalkin Mills. The question as to what legislation, if any, should be included in next year's Finance Bill with a view to giving relief to such companies is being carefully considered, but the Minister is not at present in a position to say what form such relief, if any, will take. The representations made by your Company will receive the most careful consideration, and if it is decided to introduce ameliorating legislation the Oireachtas will be asked to provide that it should have effect as from the 1st January, 1941."

And there the matter remains for the time being.

CLAMOUR FOR PAPER

Adverting to the possibility of carrying on, Mr. Walsh said that during the past two or three months the mill had been operating on a reduced output, due to shortage of raw materials. Pulp from America had been coming along only in small parcels. Waste paper, rags, seisil and waste secured from a wreck off Tory Island were insufficient to make up the deficiency. Clamour for paper and cardboard was increasing. Meantime we have been engaged in the installation of supplementary machinery for the conversion of wheaten straw, thousands of tons of which have already been secured. It is hoped to begin pulping straw from the first of the new year, and, henceforth and indefinitely, we shall have ample raw materials. As far as the quality is concerned we can give no guarantee. Even in the matter of fuel we are reasonably secure, having taken the precaution of exploiting a bog for our own fuel.

In connection with this question of fuel for power, it is worthy of note that Clondalkin was the first industry in the country to realise that turf had been as economic as coal since the outbreak of war. Likewise, the Board controlling your industry has had no hesitation at any time in demonstrating that, whenever possible, its first and primary duty was to its own country and people.

Comment is sometimes heard that the collection of waste paper is not as complete as it should be. While this is a matter for the waste paper merchants who collect, sort and supply the different mills, it is, of course, of great importance to the latter that the utmost waste would be collected. It is also a matter of no small concern to the whole community. At the same time, it is gladly conceded by the mills that the collection of some two hundred tons a week in the third year of the war is no small achievement. As a matter of fact, the response is much appreciated.

"AFFORESTATION A NECESSITY"

If there is one lesson more than another to be learnt from the experiences of this war it is that afforestation on a big scale is a paramount necessity. Building is crippled because of the paucity of mature soft wood, and there is little or no wood available to start a wood-pulping industry. For a country with millions of acres of mountainy land, useless otherwise than for the feeding of wretched animals, misnamed sheep, it speaks volumes for the incapacity of previous and present legislators. If there is one country in Europe that could be self-sufficient in the matter of the key product of timber it is this one.

In advocating afforestation, one would imagine from the hesitancy of the Government that we were trying to put something over on the country. Scandinavian countries are planted to the last acre; yet it takes seventy years to bring soft wood to maturity in these northern regions, as against just half that time in our milder climate. Obviously, afforestation is twice as economic here. Apart from the employment given by forestry, and the many main and secondary industries arising therefrom, the wealth accruing year by year is immense. At to-day's price, when an acre of mature wood is worth about £250, forests are not only trees, but gold, or its equivalent in a big way. Sooner or later some Government will wake up to the necessity, if not to the value, of afforestation.

I have again to express my regrets that recent legislation has given this company such a raw deal, though I may venture the hope that the injustice will be rectified.

I now call on Mr. Gibson, Vice-Chairman, to second the adoption of the report and statement of accounts.

PROSPEROUS YEAR

Mr. A. H. Gibson, Vice-Chairman, in seconding the adoption of the report and statement of accounts, said that, notwithstanding the dark clouds, this year had been in many ways one of prosperity. Their industry had come to be recognised as one which was meeting the needs of the country, and without which the country would have been in a very deplorable condition in many respects. Their mills gave employment to six or seven hundred persons. In addition to their own staff, their mills had been directly or indirectly responsible for keeping others employed.

He stressed the manner in which the Clondalkin Mills had been able to supplement the reserves of Irish newspapers. In the manufacture of cardboard they had enabled the egg industry to survive, particularly the export trade, by supplying it with materials when other sources of supply were cut off.

Assuming, he added, that there was no increase in taxation, next year they would have to pay in income tax, excess profits tax and corporation tax £27,000 out of a net earning of £34,000. While that was a depressing outlook, he was confident that the Minister for Finance would give them very considerable relief next year.

WASTE PAPER

Mr. H. J. O'Donnell complained of the laxity in the collection of waste paper. He knew that that was not the fault of the company.

Mr. D. McCullough said that they received at the mills every week 200 tons of waste paper. That still left untouched the large quantities of waste paper in the ordinary households. He believed that the solution of the problem lay in the organised collection from the households. Every scrap of waste paper, including cigarette cards and envelopes, should be collected, as it would be necessary before the end of next year, for the supplies from offices which they had been getting were becoming exhausted.

CHAIRMAN'S REPLY

Replying to questions, Mr. J. J. Walsh said that outside the Oireachtas no protest had been made about the increased taxation. He did not know why that were so, but they had to do something about it now. If legislation in that regard were not amended industries on which the country depended would receive a mortal blow. He hoped that better judgment would prevail in the Budget of the coming year.

In his opinion, the solution of the problem of waste paper collection would be best found in co-operation between the merchants and the local authorities throughout the country.

The report was adopted.

Mr. J. J. Walsh, Mr. O'Brien and Mr. O'Toole were re-elected directors. Messrs. F. R. O'Conner and Co. were re-elected auditors for the ensuing year.



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Coursing

Interesting Trials in Kingdom Cup

INTERESTING trials were witnessed in the opening two rounds of the Kingdom Cup at Tralee, when a big attendance was present. The second round produced the thrill of the day, when the fancied dogs, Cherokee Border and Coach Whip, last year's runner-up, met. From a good slip Coach Whip forged to the front early on, and looked like maintaining a length's lead, when suddenly Cherokee Border shot out for the turn, and after a few sharp exchanges pulled down. Cherokee Border should lead Reaping Cutlet in the third round, and meet Beautiful Sandals in the semi-final. Rare Record is running very well, and has so far got off lightly. Kilnaglory Capture should survive Vanity's Victim in the third round, but it looks like the two blacks, Cherokee Border and Rare Record, meeting in the final. Details:—

KINGDOM CUP (32 all-ages) — Trout Angler beat Rippling Silver; Reaping Cutlet beat Dawn Captain; Cherokee Border beat Border Share; Coach Whip beat Dim Vision; Sheskin Navillus beat Daring Thief; Beautiful Sandals beat Western Bride; First Rate beat Caeraloplic; Rejected Drop beat Clery's Van; Rebel Bold beat Kingdom Dasher; Kilnaglory Capture beat Valiant Rock; Off Together beat Iris Oir; Vanity's Victim beat Town Shirker; Valiant Ciss beat Radio Fun; Jovial Barney beat Gagoulard; Guard's Defence beat January Reliers; Rare Record beat Ballyrehan Lass.

Second Round—Reaping Cutlet beat Trout Angler; Cherokee Border beat Coach Whip; Beautiful Sandals beat Sheskin Navillus; First Rate beat Rejected Drop; Kilnaglory Capture beat Rebel Bold; Vanity's Victim beat Off Together; Jovial Barney beat Valiant Ciss; Rare Record beat Guard's Defence.

Long odds betting after second round—6 to 4 Rare Record, 2 to 1 each Cherokee Border and Kilnaglory Capture, 3 to 1 Vanity's Victim, 6 to 1 each Beautiful Sandals and First Rate, 7 to 1 Jovial Barney, 10 to 1 Reaping Cutlet.

BALLYBEGGAN CUP.

Second Round—Sean's Star beat Rivers Sandills; Squire's Rights beat Monarch's Heart; Scotia's Monarch beat Cherry Bloom Again; Old Moonshine beat El Sol; Withering Rose beat Castleisland King; Man from Cahir beat More Limestone; Cooleen Rattler beat Dee Border; Flagship beat Leading Willie; Ranger Go Round beat Doctor's Practice; Charley's Castle beat War Time News; O.K. Leader beat Peter Wyley; Better Than Nancy beat Dreadful; Ashill Princess beat Slow To Run; Ballinorig Wings beat Sand Spring; Black Tornado beat Harvest Heat; Fairy Saint beat Leading Flirt.

DOG TRIAL STAKE.

Second Round—Fiery Man beat Maumagarrane; Sandy Osgar beat Flyer's Choice; Hypnotist beat Dunman; Sack Last beat Blue Crab; Fenian Brigade beat Cuff Around; Circus Lad beat Mechanised Unit.

BITCH TRIAL STAKE.

Second Round—Maura's Selection beat Sirloin; Palido Girl beat Mild Beer; First Timed beat Absent Beauty; Peg's Diana beat Abbey Princess.

WEXFORD

DOG TRIAL STAKES—Decider—Mr. T. Boggins's Ryland Rogue beat Mr. C. Murphy's Mr. Nigger.

KILLIANE STAKE—Decider—Messrs. Culleton and Fitzgerald's County Trier beat Miss Doran's Dashing Cymbal.

HICKEY CUP—Decider—Mr. S. Rossiter's Thunder and Turf beat Mr. P. Deegan's Debora.

BITCH TRIAL STAKE—Decider—Mr. Murphy's Handy Raca beat Mr. L. Byrne's B Coming.

LOC GARMAN CUP—Decider—Mr. W. Kervick ns. Leading Border beat Mr. P. Byrne's Boneless Wonder.

LOC GARMAN PLATE—Mr. M. Stafford's Ballybattler and Mr. B. Hickey's Duncannon Hero divided.

DRIMNAGH STAKE—Mr. P. Boyce's Brandane Star and Mr. M. Fortune's Carnagh Moon's Double divided.

SURPLUS STAKE—Mr. J. Hayes's Kyles of Raca and Mrs. J. J. Culleton's Curracloe Dust divided.

NORTH KILKENNY

North Kilkenny Cup.—Decider—Messrs. Lalor and Carey's Cold Evening beat Mr. F. McKeating's Farloe Nigger.

Dog Trial Stake.—Decider—Mr. J. McFarland's Cheers for Effernagh beat Mrs. W. Dunne's The Chief.

Bitch Trial Stake.—Decider—Mr. T. Burke's Brilliant Tulip beat Miss T. O'Doherty's Down the Dec.

Knockmannon Stake No. 1—Decider—Mr. M. Mulhall's Memories First beat Mr. P. O'Brien's Reet Rum.

Knockmannon Stake No. 2—Mr. J. Butler's Cameronian Kilt and Mr. M. O'Doherty's Prince Dawn divided.

Lisdornay Stake.—Mr. P. Griffin's Gentle Will and Mr. N. Shee's Sea Sprite divided.

DUNDALK

Ravensdale Stake.—Decider — Mr. P. Grimes's Gratitude beat Mrs. R. Cooney's Silent Sarah.

Bitch Trial Stake.—Decider—Mr. Redmond's Miss Trix beat Mr. A. Gordon's Lone Witch.

McAlinden Cup.—Decider—Mr. P. Holdcroft's Rathkenny Cutlet beat Mrs. J. Shaw's Terry's Pride.

Dowdallshill Stake.—Mr. T. Kydd's Cutlet Kil and Mr J. Shaw's Stalwart divided.

Dundalk Stake.—Mr. W. Hill's Hylton Blackout and Mr. J. Burns's Border Crawler divided.

CASTLETOWNGEOGHEGAN

Streamstown Cup.—Decider—Mr. T. Gilmartin's Gadabout beat Miss J. Kelly's Browney's Boy.

Midleton Park Cup.—Miss J. Oxley's Derryboy Dasher and Mr. R. Thompson's Belmont Lass divided.

Castletown Stake.—Mrs. S. Joyce's Begal Heir and Mr. S. Ryan's Boherarvanes Rascal divided.

Rathdrishogue Stake No. 1.—Mr. J. Healy's Negro's Aggressor and Mr. S. Clyne's Big Sailor divided.

Rathdrishogue Stake No. 2.—Decider—Mr. O. Mahon's Clondilla beat Miss J. Kelly's Rosheen.

Hunting Reports

SCARTEEN HUNT (BLACK-AND-TANS)

Tuesday, December 16th, Ballyvistea.—We found in Mitchell's end of Cromhill. Our fox went away at once in the direction of Hospital, but being badly headed after the first couple of fields it was some time before hounds hit off the line. With a bad scent hounds hunted him as far as Oldtown Cross, where they marked him to ground. There were several foxes in Kilteely, but with an over keen audience on the rock and a very bad scent hounds could get none of them to leave. We then went on to Knockderk, and found a fox that ran through Derk covert and on through the demesne. Hounds killed him at the end of the screens by the road. With a diminished field we went on to Cross covert, and, after a short time, a fox was hallooed away in the direction of Rose Cottage. Crossing the Limerick-Tipperary road and railway, hounds ran over Brackile and down to the banks of the Dead River, which our fox crossed, and hounds ran on into Reask. It took us some time to get back to a bridge, and when we picked up hounds they had checked at the far end of Reask bog. As it was now 3.30 p.m. hounds went home.

From our fixture at Sheehan's Cross on Friday, December 19th, we had a fine day's hunting. Hounds found in Lady's gorse, our fox breaking immediately, ran fast across the valley into Hannan's. With no delay here, our fox went away at the far end, and, crossing the Caherconlish-Ballyneety road, ran on in the direction of High Park. Before reaching it he turned left-handed by Bohermore and back again over the Limerick-Caherconlish road. Leaving Ballyneety village on their right, hounds crossed the main road into Ballinagarde. Running straight through the demesne out by the old farm yard, they faced up for Friarstown. There was a check here, and when hounds hit off the line again we left the Doons on our right and turned left-handed down by Taylor's Cross and into Fedamore covert. With no delay here, hounds ran over Fedamore hill, and, wheeling left, ran almost into Garryellen, but leaving it on their right, hounds ran on to Kildonnel, and killed their fox just short of Maryville. This was a seven-mile point and fifteen as hounds ran.

CO. LIMERICK HOUNDS

Monday, December 15th, Four Elms.—A fox from Cahernarry gave us a nice 30 minutes ring, leaving Lickadoon and Rose's bog on the left before turning back into Cahernarry covert. Not delaying here, the fox went away at the top end, and hounds hunted along at a fair pace through Glenview into Ballinagarde. Then they crossed the main Limerick road at the front entrance, and took a nice line over Hannon's Hills, before swinging slowly back right-handed past Sheehan's Cross, into Ballinagarde, to ground. A good hunt of 1 hour 30 minutes, the last part of which was a very painstaking performance on the part of hounds.

Thursday, December 18th, Bruree. Bruree laurels held a brace, and hounds hunted over the railway line through Mr. Murtell's covert, past Knocksouna to Tankardstown. Here there was a brace of foxes ahead of hounds. Leaving Garryhoe on their right, they ran on fast to Kilmallock Hill, where they checked, and, failing to recover the line, a move was made to Dromin. Finding here, a fox was away at once over the black Trench and along the big country between here and Bruree, hounds running at top speed to Loughmore. Swinging right-handed, without a check, they rattled their fox through Howardstown almost to Athlacca, where he was headed, and faced now as though for Rathcannon. Hounds were close on his brush, and, making several short turns, reynard bore right-handed over Maidstown towards Dromin once more, but, after trying several earths, he now succeeded in getting to ground, after a fine hunt of 1 hour 10 minutes.

GALWAY BLAZERS

Thursday, December 18th, TUAM, and a great day's sport.

The first draw, Bermingham Gorse, where hounds put up a fox, which crossed the Tuam-Kilgariff road, and, running at a great pace and leaving Mullens Gorse on the right, put their fox to ground in a shore under a road beyond Gallagh, where he was accounted for. This was a very fast 15 minutes, and a two-mile point.

Then Mullens Gorse was drawn, where three hounds had been at work, after the first hunt had passed, and the fox left just as we arrived. Crossing the road near the R.C. chapel at Castren, hounds were simply flying, and during the next half-hour we had hard work to live with them as they raced over the glorious Carrowntryla country. It was soon evident that our pilot was the same fox which had given the memorable hunt of November 13th. After crossing the road he bore to the east for Hazelwood, as though Clonbern was his point, but, swinging to the left past Garrauns and Dunblaney, we had our first check at Knockroe Cross-roads, on the Claddagh to Carrowntryla road. A four-mile point up to this in 26 minutes and six miles as hounds ran. Here he must have been headed, for scent was never the same afterwards, and though hounds persevered for another hour they were finally defeated near Carrownagur Lough close to Carrowntryla.

Monday, Dec. 22nd, MOYVILLA CROSS-ROADS, where a large field, including visitors from a distance, assembled.

Caherkinneen and Coldwood were drawn without finding, and hounds could not do anything with a stale line from the Mountain Cover. Then a lame fox was found in Moneymore Rough, which gave a twisting run to Rochhill, and was finally put to ground in the rocks across the Galway-Limerick road.

SOUTH CO. DUBLIN HARRIERS

The St. Stephen's Day meet of the South County Dublin Harriers, at Lucan Hydro Hotel attracted a very large attendance. Among those present were:—Mr. Peter Dunne, M.H.; Dr. L. Flanagan, M.H.; Mr. J. Harvey, the Hon. Huntsman and Mrs. J. Harvey, Mr. W. Hickey (hon. whip), Mr. G. Hunt (hon. secretary), Lady Yarrow, Mrs. F. Clarke, Mr. M. Kilcomman, Miss S. Meyers, Mr. J. O'Brien, Mr. E. Fraser, Mr. M. Murry, Mr. J. Kealy, Miss Kelly-Tighe, Mrs. C. Kelly-Tighe, Dr. and Mrs. H. Crealy, Mr. L. Fleming, Mr. I. Fleming, Mr. D. Fleming, Mr. J. Fleming, the Rev. R. C. Madden, the Rev. S. R. W. Madden, Miss L. Brown, Mrs. R. Ball, Miss K. Harman, Mrs. A. Hassard, Mrs. Kilduff, Mr. E. F. Kilduff, Miss Brady Browne, Miss J. Reddy, Mr. D. Harper, Miss R. McKeever, Miss P. Owens, Captain and Mrs. Gargan, Professor and Mrs. J. J. Dowling, Mr. and Mrs. McMurry, Mr. and Mrs. A. McCoskey, Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey, Mr. P. O'Connor, Mr. R. Murdock and Miss H. O'Connor

HUNT CARDS

WATERFORD HOUNDS.—January—Sat., 3rd, Mount Congreve Gate; Tues., 6th, Ballyduff; Sat., 10th, Dunhill; Tues., 13th, Durrow Forge; Sat., 17th, Ballyduff Chapel. At 11.30.

ROSCOMMON HARRIERS.—January—Thurs., 1st, Fuerty; Sun., 4th, Ballymurry School; Thurs., 8th, Oran; Sun., 11th, Scardane School; Thurs., 15th, Clashaganny; Sun., 18th, Mullymux; Thurs., 22nd, Knockcroghery; Sun., 25th, Derrane; Thurs., 29th, Fortfield Gate. Sundays at 2 o'clock; Thursdays at 1 o'clock.

QUEEN'S COUNTY HOUNDS.—January—Fri., 2nd, Blandsfort Cross-roads; Tues., 6th, Durrow; Fri., 9th, Harristown; Fri., 16th, Fairymount. At 12 o'clock.

CO. GALWAY ("The Blazers").—January—Fri., 2nd, Caherhue; Mon., 5th, Castle Lambert; Fri., 9th Ballydugan; Mon., 12th, Moniven Village; Thurs., 15th, Oranmore; Mon., 19th, Cregg Castle; Thurs., 22nd, Tuam; Mon., 26th, Athenry. At 11.30 o'clock.

UNITED HUNT CLUB.—December—Tues., 30th, Peafield Cross, 11.30. January—Sat., 3rd, Carberytown, 11.30; Mon., 5th, Hunt Ball; Tues., 6th, Annacarton Bridge, 12.15.

KILDARE HOUNDS.—Wednesday, 7th January, Moone instead of Colbinstown Station.

NORTH KILDARE HARRIERS.—To-day's meet at Balraheen is at 12.30 instead of 11.30. Friday, Jan. 2—Clonee, 11.30.

HUNTING APPOINTMENTS

TO-DAY.

Fingal, Kilsallaghan, 1.0; North Kildare, Balraheen, 12.30; Boyle, Mount Erris Gate, 12.0; Westmeath, Bunbrosna, 12.0; Island, Scarawalsh, 12.0; East Down, Clontagh, 1.0; Kilkenny, Barreyglissawney, 12.0; Coolattin, Raheengraney, 11.30; Meath, Dunsany Castle (instead of Ferrans); Co. Limerick, Loughgur Gate, 12.0; Nenagh, Hogan's Pass, 12.30.

TO-MORROW.

Co. Down, Ballykeel (Lough Aghery), 12.45; Co. Longford, Goshen Cross Roads, 1.0; O'Hara's, White Gate, 11.30; Newry, Creevy, 12.30; Wexford, Blackhall, 12.0; Ormond, Prospect, 12.0; South Union, Five Mile Bridge, 11.30; Kildare, Gilltown (instead of Carnalway Cross Roads), 11.30; Waterford, Feddan's Cross, 11.30; Wicklow, Kilmurray, 12.0; Scarteen, Old Pallas, 12.0; Ballymacad, Ballyfore, 12.0; Duhallow, Millown Cross, 11.30.

Rathvale Double at Leopardstown

THOUGH there was a falling off in the attendance compared to that of St. Stephen's Day, another very big crowd watched interesting racing at Leopardstown on Saturday, which was marked by the forward running of horses trained by Mr. R. H. Walker and the successful riding of D. L. Moore. Mr. Walker saddled two winners, Pontiff and Trigger Jack, and both were ridden by Moore.

Pontiff, owned by Mr. G. F. Annesley, had only recently joined the Rathvale stable, but had previously shown form over hurdles, as at the Navan meeting, he finished third to Father Keating and Death Knell. He was one of the outsiders in a field of 13 for the Three Years Old Hurdle, and, though having the outside position in a remarkably close finish, got up in the last stride to beat the favourite, Soldado, by a head, while Historical Revue was only a short head off third.

Mrs. R. H. Walker's Trigger Jack, the winner of the Silverpark Maiden Steeplechase, is by Knight of the Garter, and his triumph also was at the expense of a favourite, Knocknagoran, whom he beat by a length. Zanoah held such a commanding lead three-quarters of a mile from home that it looked as if he would not be caught, but he came on his knees after landing over a fence and threw his rider. Knocknagoran and Aeneid were then left in command, but Trigger Jack joined them after jumping the last fence, and, staying on well, readily accounted for both.

A very popular win was that of Lady Brooke's Bistro in the Bray Steeplechase. Fireaway, the favourite, made most of the running, and held a long lead on the far side of the course, but Colehill and Bistro got to him at the last fence, and it was a very game effort on the part of Bistro that enabled him to win quite comfortably by three lengths from Colehill, who is another from the Rathvale stable.

The one horse from the Athboy stable to start favourite was Ryecrop, who, in a field of ten for the Tower Hurdle, was backed down to 6 to 4, which odds were hard to procure at the "off." Mr. Barnett's filly made a good showing, but in a close finish was relegated into third place behind Slieveardagh and Armoy. Owned by Mr. D. B. Reynolds, Slieveardagh is trained by Mr. P. Sleator, and was ridden by P. Powell, who, though now a veteran, rides as well as ever.

Backers made no mistake when selecting Ballyboe to beat seven others in the Shankill Selling Hurdle, Mr. J. F. Sutherland's horse scoring the easiest victory of the day. Nor were backers astray when they picked Romany and Hikeypop as the best of the field for the Stillorgan Flat Race, for this pair had a dour struggle before Romany triumphed by half a length. Details:—

2.0—TOWER HURDLE, £100. 2m.
Slieveardagh, ch. g. by Friar Wile—Lass o' Grange (Mr. D. B. Reynolds), 6, 9-13 ....P. Powell 1
Armoy, 4, 10-10 ....Mr. J. R. Cox 2
Ryecrop, 4, 11-2 ....D. L. Moore 3
Also ran—Trance, 6, 10-13 (J. Lenehan); Bluster, 5, 10-9 (P. Timmins); Avion, 4, 10-8 (J. Brogan); Vides, 4, 10-3 (A. Brabazon); Swindon Beauty, a, 10-2 (F. Mangan); Lomond Queen, a, 9-7 (M. O'Connor); Ya Ya, a, 9-7 (L. G. Fox). (Winner trained by P. Sleator.)
Betting—6 to 4 agst. Ryecrop, 3 to 1 Armoy, 4 to 1 SLIEVEARDAGH, 5 to 1 Vides, 7 to 1 Bluster, 100 to 8 any other. Tote—Win, 11/-; places, 3/6, 3/6, 3/6.
1l.; 1½l. Swindon Beauty 4, Trance 5, Vides 6, Bluster 7.

2.15—SHANKILL (S.) H'CAP HURDLE, £100. 1½m.
Ballyboe, br. g. by Tonton—Silver Nest (Mr. J. F. Sutherland), 5, 11-6 ....A. Brabazon 1
Burnished Gold, 5, 11-2 ....P. Timmins 2
Enticement, 5, 10-5 ....D. L. Moore 3
Also ran—Hazel Fair, 3, 10-7 (T. Cullen); Inniscrone, 4, 10-5 (J. Lynott); Colonial King, 4, 10-2 (R. J. O'Ryan); Biddy's Garter, 6, 10-1 (M. O'Connor); Carmavey, a, 10-0 (D. Ruttle). (Winner trained by T. Nugent.)
Betting—5 to 4 on BALLYBOE, 4 to 1 agst. Burnished Gold, 6 to 1 each Inniscrone and Enticement, 10 to 1 Hazel Fair, 100 to 8 any other. Tote—Win, 3/6; places, 2/6, 3/-, 2/6.
5l.; 1½. Inniscrone 4, Hazel Fair 5, Colonial King 6. No bid for the winner.

2.45—THREE-Y.O. HURDLE, £100. 1½m.
Pontiff, b. c. by His Reverence—Love Links (Mr. G. F. Annesley), 11-0 ....D. L. Moore 1
Soldado, 11-0 ....Pierce J. Murphy 2
Historical Revue, 11-0....A. Brabazon 3
Also ran—Zog, 11-0 (T. Hyde); Tighri, 11-0 (J. Brogan); Sleigh Bell, 11-0 (J. Costello); Dancing Years, 10-9 (D. Ruttle); Sportown, 10-9 (J. Lenehan); Western Dandy, 10-4 (Mr. R. W. Browne); Inula, 10-4 (B. Cooper); Rom, 10-4 (F. Mangan); Dromineer, 10-4 (Mr. M. J. Tully); Isidore, 10-9 (G. Wells). (Winner trained by R. H. Walker.)
Betting—5 to 2 agst. Soldado, 7 to 2 each Zog and Tighri, 5 to 1 each Historical Revue and Sportown, 6 to 1 Sleigh Bell, 10 to 1 PONTIFF or any other. Tote—Win, 42/-; places, 11/6, 4/-, 11/6.
Head; a short head. Western Dandy 4, Zog 5.

3.15—SILVERPARK 'CHASE, £100. 2m. 175y.
Trigger Jack, b. g. by Knight of the Garter—Cheroboshina (Mrs. R. H. Walker), 4, 11-0 ....D. L. Moore 1
Knocknagoran, 5, 11-6 ....J. Brogan 2
Aeneid, 5, 11-1 ....V. Mooney 3
Also ran—Farragon, 6, 11-6 (Pierce J. Murphy); Sovereign, 5, 11-6 (J. Costello); Golden Garter, 5, 11-6 (T. Hyde); Zanoah, 5, 11-1 (J. P. Maguire); Steelshaft, 5, 11-1 (R. J. O'Ryan). (Winner trained by R. H. Walker.)
Betting—6 to 4 agst. Knocknagoran, 3 to 1 each Aeneid and Zanoah, 7 to 1 TRIGGER JACK, 10 to 1 any other. Tote—Win, 21/-; places, 3/6, 2/6, 3/-.
1l.; 3l. Steelshaft 4, Golden Garter 5. Zanoah and Farragon fell.

3.45—BRAY HANDICAP 'CHASE, £100. 2m. 175y.
Bistro, b. g. by Lusturn—Irish Pippin (Lady Brooke), a, 10-0....J. Brogan 1
Colehill, 6, 9-12 ....A. Brabazon 2
Fireaway, 5, 9-7 ....J. Fitzgerald 3
Also ran—Passeport II, a, 11-8 (D. L. Moore); Park Knight, a, 10-2 (P. J. Cahalin); Egg Nog, a, 9-8 (E. Dempsey). (Winner trained by M. Arnott.)
Betting—6 to 4 agst. Fireaway, 5 to 2 Colehill, 3 to 1 BISTRO, 6 to 1 Egg Nog, 20 to 1 any other. Tote—Win, 8/6; places, 4/-, 4/-.
3l.; 2l. Passeport II 4, Egg Nog 5. Park Knight fell.

4.10—STILLORGAN FLAT RACE, £100. 2m.
Romany, ch. g. by Romney—Wayward (Mr. C. G. McKenna), 5, 11-2..Owner 1
Hikeypop, 6, 11-7 ....Mr. P. Woods 2
Tanguis, 4, 11-7 ....Mr. P. Sleator 3
Also ran—Slieve Dub, 5, 11-7 (Mr. W. Willis); Castle Adamant, 5, 11-7 (Mr. J. Litton); Pucka Man, 5, 11-7 (Mr. P. P. Hogan); Acting Mistress, 6, 11-2 (Mr. John Lenehan); Creggbrien, 4, 11-7 (Mr. M. J. Tully); Tremearland, a, 11-7 (Mr. P. J. Lenehan); Tonton Bay, 5, 11-2 (Mr. P. R. Smyth). (Winner trained by Owner.)
Betting—6 to 4 agst. ROMANY, 2 to 1 Hikeypop, 6 to 1 Tanguis, 10 to 1 any other. Tote—Win, 6/-; places, 2/6, 3/-, 3/6.
4l.; 3l. Tonton Bay 4, Pucka Man 5.
TOTE DOUBLE.—Pontiff and Bistro, £25 3/-; 14 winning tickets; pool, £391 10s.; day's pool, £3,039 14/-.

Outsider of Three Wins at Limerick

THE chief event on the second day's card at Limerick was the Limerick Handicap Steeplechase, and in this Allez au Diable did backers a good turn by landing the odds laid on him, though he hit the fence opposite the stand on the first circuit. Whatever chance Down East, favourite for the Thomond 'Chase, had was spoiled by a bad mistake at the final fence, and Poetry II. scored very readily. The outsider of three came up in the December Chase, Rosemary's Cottage staying on much better than Chev Point.

On his showing on Friday, Blanch Tor was made favourite for the County Hurdle, and he won easily. At one stage Greenall looked like pressing him, but the effort was not sustained. Just before the "off" Lindsey replaced Ruby Loch as favourite for the City Hurdle, and, after the latter had made most of the running he was challenged a quarter of a mile from home by Lindsey, who won comfortably. Park Royal, the favourite in a big field for the Southern Plate, never really flattered, and after Weigh In looked like scoring, Question Time came in the straight to beat him. Details:—

1.45—COUNTY HURDLE, £50. 1½ m.
Blanche Tor, b. g., by March Tor—Erica (Mrs. A. Mahoney), 3, 10-7 ....W. O'Grady 1
Greektown, 3, 10-7 ....P. Conlon 2
Lawabiding, 3, 10-7....E. J. Kennedy 3
Also ran—Greenall, 6, 11 10 (T. Moloney); Tamra, 3, 10-7 (M. Farrissey); Lavenco, 3, 10-9 (Mr. M. Hickey). (Winner trained by C. Willan.)
Betting—Evens BLANCHE TOR, 4 to 1 each agst. Greektown, Lawabiding, and Greenall, 10 to 1 any other. Tote—Win, 5/-; places, 3/-, 3/6.
4l.; 6l. Greenall 4. Lavenco fell.

2.15—CITY HANDICAP HURDLE, £50. 2 m.
Lindsey, b. g., by Apron—Ivy Leaf (Mr. H. Harty), 4, 11-10..H. Harty, junior 1
Ruby Loch, 5, 10-8 ....B. O'Connell 2
Kersey, 5, 12-0 ....R. McCarthy 3
Also ran—Empire Warrior, 4, 11-7 (P. Conlon); Never Ready, a, 10-2 (P. Claxton); Right Green, a, 10-8 (Mr. M. J. Mitchell). (Winner trained by Owner.)
Betting—6 to 4 agst. LINDSEY, 2 to 1 Ruby Loch, 5 to 1 Never Ready, 6 to 1 Empire Warrior, 8 to 1 Kersey, 10 to 1 Right Green. Tote—Win, 5/6; places, 2/6, 2/6.
2l.; same. Never Ready 4, Right Green 5.

2.45—LIMERICK HANDICAP 'CHASE, £100. 2 m. 200 yds.
Allez au Diable, b. or br. g., by Kirk Alloway—L'Enfant Terrible (Mr. P. P. Sweeney), 6, 11-7 ....T. Moloney 1
Dan Kelly, 6, 10-8 ....W. O'Grady 2
Nonna's Cottage, 4, 10-6....R. McCarthy 3
Also ran—Good Policy, a, 12-0 (Captain Lillingston); Mount Judkin, 6, 10-8 (E. J. Kennedy); Solide, 6, 10-4 (J. Leahy). (Winner trained by P. Hickey).
Betting—6 to 4 on ALLEZ AU DIABLE, 5 to 1 agst. Nonna's Cottage, 6 to 1 Dan Kelly, 7 to 1 Solide, 8 to 1 Good Policy, 10 to 1 Mount Judkin. Tote—Win, 3/-; places, 2/6, 4/-.
10l.; 1l. Solido fell. Good Policy did not finish.

3.15—THOMOND HANDICAP 'CHASE, £50. 2 m. 200 yds.
Poetry II., b. m., by Automatic, dam's pedigree unknown (Miss M. Preston), a, 10-7 ....W. O'Grady 1
Lord Barter, 5, 10-4....J. Gibbs 2
Down East, 5, 10-3....R. McCarthy 3
Also ran—Rathfadden, a, 10-11 (J. A. Morgan); Messenger Girl, 4, 11-0 (P. O'Hara). (Winner trained by E. F. Purdon.)
Betting—5 to 4 agst. Down East, 2 to 1 Messenger Girl, 5 to 1 POETRY II., 6 to 1 Lord Barter, 10 to 1 Rathfadden. Tote—Win, 12/-; places, 3/6, 11/6.
6l.; 10l. Messenger Girl fell.

3.40—DECEMBER 'CHASE, £50. 3 m.
Rosemary's Cottage, br. g. by Cottage—Shy Vixen (Mr. W. Murphy), a, 10-13 ....P. O'Hara 1
Chev Point, 6, 11-10 Mr. L. McMorrow 2
Skin the Goat, 6, 11-12 Capt. Lillingston 3
(Winner trained by Owner.)
Betting—5 to 4 on Chev Point, 7 to 4 agst. Skin the Goat, 4 to 1 ROSEMARY'S COTTAGE. Tote—Win, 8/6; forecast, 10/6.
14l.; 1l.

4.5—SOUTHERN FLAT RACE, £100. 2 m.
Question Time, b. g. by False Alarm—Biddy (Mr. P. Hannigan), a, 11-2 Owner 1
Weigh In, 5, 11-2 .... Mr. J. P. Hogan 2
Carrigshane, 6, 11-2 .... Mr. Rohan 3
Also ran:—Toomevara, 6, 11-2 (Mr. L. McMorrow); Fuddle, 5, 11-2 (Mr. W. Lombard); Pride of the Dell, 6, 11-2 (Mr. P. Anglin); The Card, a, 11-5 (Mr. H. Russell); Kinghunter, a 11-2 (Mr. J. Russell); Golden Rust, 6, 11-3 (Capt. Lillingston); Kinmuir Castle, 5, 11-2 (Mr. M. Purcell); Bridawn, 5, 11-2 (Mr. J. J. Marshall); Praetorian, 6, 11-2 (Mr. M. V. O'Brien); Frozen Fruit, 5, 11-2 (Mr. A. J. Morris); Knockea View, 4, 11-0 (Mr. M. Fitzgibbon); Park Royal, 4, 11-0 (Mr. M. J. Mitchell); Dreamthorpe, 4, 11-0 (Mr. D. J. Lane). (Winner trained by Owner.)
Betting—3 to 1 agst. Park Royal, 4 to 1 Kenmuir Castle, 5 to 1 each QUESTION TIME, Weigh In, Carrigshane, Golden Rust, Bridawn and Dreamthorpe; 6 to 1 Toomevara, 10 to 1 each Praetorian, Frozen Fruit and The Card, 20 to 1 any other. Tote—Win, 80/-; places, 23/6, 7/6, 9/6.
3l.; 8l. Pride of the Dell 4, Park Royal 5, Praetorian 6.
TOTE DOUBLE—Poetry II. and Question Time, £41 18/6; 3 winning tickets; pool £159 15/-; day's pool £1,039 11/-; last year £593 13/-.

Wetherby Results

12.30 (1½m. HURDLES)—BASTILLE (5/2), J. Bissill, 1; Hells Bells (20/1), T. Crabb, 2; Gallabat (20/1), F. Haslam, 3. Also ran—False Dawn, Component, Schooner, Wychbell, Truleaf, Going Gay, Monogamy, Priority Call, Starboard, Saltator, Dealem, Dunoon, Electric Wire, Draftsman, Cuerdley, Plush Touch Up, Senighi, Midshipman. Head; same. G. Armstrong.

1.0 (2m. 'CHASE)—GRECIAN VICTORY (5/2), W. Hollick, 1; Limestone Edward (20/1), C. Mitchell, 2; Unofficial (20/1), T. Crabb, 3. Also ran—Cottage Cub, Slip In, Darkavon, Giovanni, Basiloff, Fontainebleau, Chateau Gontier, Greenshaw, Royal Revel, Albion, Pride of Lochiel. 1½l.; 4l. C. Templeman.

1.30 (2m. HURDLES)—UNCLE ARCHIE (6/1), D. Doyle, 1; Kilnaglory (9/4), C. Mitchell, 2; Pipe Major (20/1), A. Goodwill, 3. Also ran—Arden, Sandon, Headley Boy, Marlin, Zahra, Blue Pearl II., Scottish Archer, Sylphide, Banstar, Silksworth, Prince Palette, Aunt Jennie, Mount Top, North Stafford, Walton. Short head; 4l. H. Peacock.

2.0 (3m. 'CHASE)—KERBOGA (6/4), T. Crabb, 1; Le Titien III. (7/1), W. Hollick, 2; Announcer (7/1), Mr. J. Smith, 3. Also ran—Valstar, Value, Prime, Ballyfox. 5l.; neck. Smallwood.

2.30 (2m. HURDLES)—MARCELLINA (100/8), H. Blackshaw, 1; Dundhu (10/1), N. Sawyers, 2; Fair Tor (4/1), J. Bissill, 3. Also ran—Arch Glance, Moose, Jubilant, Quickstep, Heroic, Flamalla, Boomps-a-Daisy, Slavonic Guard, Gunner, Lion Hunter, Distant Bells, Our Policy, Your Pleasure, Chatmo, Sleek Son, Overdraft, Cheery Lad II., Geoff Dawnay, Siloam, First Throw, Mineral Water, Cereal, Atmos, Sand Lover, Larboard. 2l.; 1l. F. Armstrong.

3.0 (2m. 'CHASE)—CHESTERTON (2/1), J. Bissill, 1; Sidley Dee (10/1), Mr. J. Smith, 2; Vitement (5/1), T. Crabb, 3. Also ran—Cairo, Knight of Arigho, Peter Piper, Honey Mug, Discretion, Cordite, Ravendale, Benrinnes. 3l.; ¾l. J. Hall.

Rugby Football

Vallance's Team Fails Despite Strong Rally

BECTIVE ...... 5 VALLANCE'S XV...... 3

IT was brought home to some extent at Donnybrook on Saturday how much the game is suffering from the restrictions caused by the war, when a team mainly composed of cross-Channel players from such well-known clubs as London-Scottish, Leicester, Roslyn Park, Guy's Hospital and United Services, under the captaincy of Mr. G. P. C. Vallance, opposed Bective Rangers. The contrasting styles and naturally keen antagonism of Irish and English teams always have brought out the best in each. Saturday's match was no exception, and it was an extremely open, lively and entertaining game, with a great deal of excitement crowded into the last twenty minutes or so.

Up to half-time it looked as if Bective, who, in the absence of some of their own best players, had the assistance of T. Chamberlain, of Blackrock, and N. McConnell, of Old Wesley, had the game well in hand, especially as it was anticipated that some of the visiting team might not be in the best of training, but, although both teams tired near the end, Mr. Vallance's team had a bit in reserve, and Bective were a shade fortunate to hold on to their lead of a goal to a try.

The forwards had a very keen set-to, with Bective having the better of it in the scrums and putting in some telling work at times in the loose, but they were more than extended at the finish. Outstanding in the visiting pack were D. N. Young and R. Alexander, and both made tremendous efforts to bring about a winning score, but the others, particularly B. Elders, C. A. Barnes and J. McLaren, were all great workers. The three-quarters seemed to have the winning of the match in their hands, and were always dangerous when given any scope, but the ball did not come back very frequently, and St. J. Makin, though defending splendidly at scrum-half, seemed a bit out of practice, and J. A. S. Taylor, at stand-off, was inclined to kick too often.

R. Dunne, of London-Scottish, and A. Winsor, of Roslyn Park, were good centres, the former, in particular, having a keen eye for an opening and being hard to bring down. The wings, though not coming very much into the picture, looked very useful, and the Old Wesley man, W. B. Sterling, showed that he retains his best form at full-back.

T. Chamberlain, playing in the unaccustomed position of stand-off, was easily the most dangerous of the Bective backs, but he had some difficulty in anticipating his partner's passes, and his methods were not quite so effective as they can be when he is playing on the wing. The three-quarters had few combined movements, but K. Doyle was very sound in the centre and D. Flanagan and N. McConnell had some good runs. T. McGowan fielded and kicked very well at full-back, A. O'Meara was the most prominent forward on the field, and did some fine work both in defence and attack, but was inclined to hang on to the ball too long at times. K. O'Brien, J. Doyle and N. Greene were others to show up.

Bective had a good deal the better of the first half, and missed a number of good chances of scoring before Chamberlain broke clean through from near half-way; shook off several opponents, and cross-kicked the ball perfectly, for McConnell to catch the ball before it landed and cross for a try, which McGowan converted. In the early stages of the second half it looked as if Bective must increase their lead, and they had a certain amount of bad luck in not doing so, but a fine score for the visiting team after twenty minutes' play put the Dublin side in danger of defeat. The try was obtained by Shaw-Porter, who took a pass from the scrum-half in full stride, and went slap through, to beat McGowan and cross at the corner. A great dribble by Alexander nearly produced another score, and twice Young broke through, only for his passes to go astray when a score would have been difficult to prevent.

ANOTHER DEFEAT FOR LANSDOWNE

OLD BELVEDERE ...9 LANSDOWNE... 8

Lansdowne, unbeaten up to a fortnight ago, sustained their third defeat within that period when they went under to Old Belvedere at Lansdowne road on Saturday by 1 penalty goal and 2 tries to 1 goal and 1 try. It was a splendidly-contested and hard-fought game, and it was only in the closing minutes that Old Belvedere got the penalty goal which gave them victory. They were undoubtedly worthy of their success, however, as their backs were the more enterprising and thrustful, and their forwards had much the better of matters in the tight. Lansdowne were handicapped by the absence, through injury, of their International full-back, C. Murphy, but the three-quarter line was strengthened by the inclusion of Kevin O'Flanagan, of University College. He, however, saw little of the ball, and on one of the few times he did come into possession he scored a brilliant try, which, up to the last few minutes, looked like bringing his side victory.

The winning back division were seen to better advantage than in many previous matches, and Frank Quinn, operating at out-half, was in his very best form. He scored one of the tries and paved the way for the other. George Morgan was as elusive as ever at the base of the scrum, and B. Quinn ran with great determination on his wing. S. Henry hooked with much success, and P. O'Sullivan and J. Belton were also to the fore among the forwards. Flanagan, as mentioned, got very few opportunities, but H. Tunney, N. Burke and D. Cosgrave all did well behind the scrum, and the pick of the Lansdowne forwards were W. Sunderland, P. Delaney and G. McDermott.

Old Belvedere opened the scoring when a well-judged cross-kick by F. Quinn enabled B. Quinn to gain possession and race through for a try, which Thorpe failed to convert. F. Quinn got the second score when, accepting a pass from Morgan, he cleverly cut-through and sold the "dummy" before crossing for a try, which also went unconverted. Before the interval Tunney, intercepting, broke away and ran clean through the defence to score a try for Lansdowne, which Burke converted.

The second period was full of exciting play, and early on O'Flanagan gave Lansdowne the lead when he wound up a short passing bout by racing through for an unconverted try. The home side looked like holding their lead, but just before the end Aird kicked a penalty goal for Old Belvedere to decide the issue.

The match between Monkstown and North of Ireland Sea Rovers, listed for Saturday at Sydney parade, was not played.

Wanderers' Schoolboys.—Opening practice to-day at Lansdowne road at 3.15.

Lansdowne Schoolboys.—Practice at Lansdowne road at 3 o'clock to-day. All boys wishing to play for Lansdowne during the Christmas holidays should attend.

Association Football

League Leaders Draw at Milltown

Club's positions in the League of Ireland table remain unchanged as a result of the week-end matches. The leaders, Cork United and Shamrock Rovers, drew at Milltown, and Dundalk, St. James's Gate and Shelbourne all won.

Dundalk were top scorers with six against Drumcondra, while Shelbourne got five against Limerick on the latter's ground, and St. James's Gate and Bohemians each scored four times against Brideville and Bray Unknowns, respectively.

The best individual feats were four goals by Lavery for Dundalk and the same number by R. Smith, of Bohemians.

Results and scorers:—

Shamrock Rovers 4, Cork United 4.—Molloy, Cochrane (2) and Bryson (penalty) for Rovers; McCarthy (2), O'Neill and Madden for Cork.

Brideville 1, St. James's Gate 4.—Hardy for Brideville; Ward (2), Gaughran and Matthews for St. James's Gate.

Dundalk 6, Drumcondra 2.—Lavery (4), Grice and Kelly for Dundalk; Meehan and MacNamara for Drumcondra.

Limerick 0, Shelbourne 5.—Bradshaw (3), O'Driscoll and Kennedy scored.

Bohemians 4, Bray Unknowns 0.—R. Smith scored.

Table to date:—

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals F.	Goals A.	Pts.
Cork United	7	5	2	0	21	7	12
Shamrock Rovers	7	5	1	1	20	7	11
Dundalk	7	4	1	2	17	12	9
St. James's Gate	7	3	2	2	23	12	8
Shelbourne	7	3	2	2	17	8	8
Limerick	7	3	0	4	16	18	6
Brideville	7	2	2	3	10	18	6
Bohemians	7	2	1	4	9	15	5
Drumcondra	7	2	1	4	11	25	5
Bray Unknowns	7	0	0	7	4	25	0

PENALTY GOAL SAVES ROVERS

With five minutes to go at Milltown last evening Shamrock Rovers were making furious attempts to stave off what looked an inevitable defeat by Cork United. Full-backs, half-backs and forwards stormed the Cork goal. Cochrane was brought down inside the penalty area; Bryson took the kick and beat Foley, and so a point was saved amid the roar of twenty-five thousand spectators, who certainly got their money's worth.

The United were distinctly lucky winners at Shelbourne Park, but they were even more fortunate now, for of their four goals a couple were the direct result of bad lapses by Harris and Bryson—the first and the fourth. But, perhaps, a draw was a fair enough conclusion to the finest exhibition played in the city since last season's Cup ties. Indeed, in every respect it was as high-class and as thrilling as the best of great games at Dalymount Park.

It was unfortunate for the Rovers that Clarke, their right full-back, had not recovered from his injury. Harris had to be brought from the half-back line to fill the gap, and Creevey came on at left-half—unfortunate inasmuch as the ex-Shelbourne man failed again and again in his duels with Madden and Burke, the latter of whom changed places with O'Neill in the second half. Still, despite the always obvious weakness at full-back, and also on their left wing, where Foy did not hit it off with Dunne, the Rovers put on tremendous pressure for much the greater part of the opening period. Cochrane and Farrell, brilliantly supported by Doherty, danced rings round Noonan and Duffy. The wing man was positively dazzling, and four times in the first fifteen minutes he fired terrific shots at Foley. Molloy and Dunne also were tearing through the Cork defence; but only once was the wonderful Foley beaten. He got down to Molloy's hot one just on the line, but could not stop it in time. Had Rovers crossed over leading by a few goals it would have been no more than they were worth, but their lead was wiped out five minutes from the interval by McCarthy.

Harris, always shaky, had just previously had his name inscribed in Mr. Butler's notebook. That seemed to upset him still more, for in a heavy attack he essayed an absurd back-pass to Twomey. Before the goalkeeper could get to it the United's centre pounced on the ball and had only to net it.

Rarely did Cork attack in the first half, but they played as well as they were allowed to by half-backs and forwards who, as things turned out in the second half, ran themselves almost to a standstill. Inside two minutes of the restarting Cork were in the lead, O'Neill lofting the ball into an open goal following a scramble in which Twomey did not distinguish himself; but three minutes later Cochrane gained his long-delayed reward with a great shot from Farrell's timely pass. Only twelve minutes had gone when he again lashed the ball into the top of the Cork net—3-2 for Rovers.

Then ensued a radical change. Hayes replaced Duffy, and the Rovers' right wing was more or less subdued. All through the first half Cork had played too much to O'Reilly and O'Neill; afterwards they changed their tactics, and it was from Madden that the equalising score came after nineteen minutes—a magnificent goal from a most difficult angle. Cork had now settled down and were swinging the ball about better, whereas Rovers were a worn-out team. A miskick by Bryson let McCarthy right through for a simple goal and the lead, and many had left the ground when the Rovers were awarded the penalty that saved them.

Rovers took too much out of themselves in the first stage, but, as usual, Cork never completely lost their confidence. It was, however, Foley who saved the United from defeat, but not a little credit is due to O'Riordan and McGowan, who stood up to a heavy hammering when solidarity was so much needed. Twomey did not get half as much to do as Foley, thanks to the powerful defence of Healy, Bryson and Creevey. We saw the Rovers' forwards at their best in the first half, but that last-minute recovery of the whole team was not the least interesting feature of a grand game.

GATE SUPERIOR IN SECOND HALF

For most of the first half at Harold's Cross yesterday it looked as if Brideville had the beating of St. James's Gate; but, after scoring first, they were held to level terms at the interval, and subsequently there was only one team in it, the Gate winning by 4 goals to 1. For periods of the first half Brideville's approach work was some of the best they have shown this season. The halves were checking any attempts by the opposing forwards to get going, and they kept the ball well up to their own attackers, who brought off some smart movements, but scoring ability was not there. Smyth had the best chance, being unmarked right in front of the goal, but he shot straight at Murtagh. Weak shooting lost several other good openings.

After twenty minutes Brideville took the lead, Hardy heading in a corner from Keegan; but ten minutes later, after a break-away and centre by O'Rourke, Ward controlled the ball well to beat Cullen, and then Webster from a difficult angle.

In the second half the game swung completely, the Gate taking complete charge. For over twenty minutes Webster kept them out with some fine saves, but a goal was inevitable and following a grand movement, started by O'Rourke, the ball went right across the forward line to Gaughran, who came in to give Webster no chance. Shortly afterwards, from a high pass from the right, Ward forced the ball over after a scramble in the goal-mouth. Brideville did rather better after this, but the Gate's speed made them the better side, and just on time Matthews ran from half-way to get the fourth.

LIMERICK ROUTED

Brilliant goalkeeping by Kiernan and an equally brilliant display by Bradshaw were the outstanding features of the game between Limerick and Shelbourne at Limerick yesterday, when the home team were decisively beaten by 5 goals to nil. Bradshaw, who was in splendid form, scored three goals, and was unlucky not to have added at least one more to his total. Apart from a promising effort during the first twenty minutes, when they appeared to have the visitors' measure, Limerick were never in the picture. Their display in the second period was particularly poor, or appeared to be so, against the invincible Shelbourne side. When the third goal came immediately after the resumption Limerick were a badly beaten team, with the result that interest petered out of the game.

Kiernan, in Shelbourne goal, had a busy time in the opening minutes, when he only just managed to save a hard drive from Cronin, and shortly after was equally lucky with a good header from McAleer. Rather against the run of the play, Shelbourne opened the scoring after twenty minutes, when O'Driscoll beat Harrington with an easy shot. Five minutes later Bradshaw had the second goal with a lightning kick. Limerick pressure on the Shelbourne end proved unproductive against the very solid defence of Meek, Olphert, and Fallon.

Five minutes after the re-start Kennedy had a grand goal with a swift ground shot, and then Shelbourne could do pretty much as they pleased. Ten minutes from the end Shelbourne's fourth goal was scored by Bradshaw, who was allowed to take the ball up to the goalmouth from fifty yards out, and just before the end the same player intercepted the ball in the air from forty yards and kicked into the home net.

GOALS GALORE AT DUNDALK

After being a goal down in ten minutes in their home game against Drumcondra, Dundalk took command of the match, scored five goals before half-time, and added another in the second half. For Dundalk, Lavery got four and Grice and Kelly the others. Meehan and MacNamara scored for the visitors. Dundalk were without Barlowe, while Drumcondra experimented with a forward line, in which Meehan was leader, and MacNamara was outside-left. After a shaky start, Dundalk gave an exhibition of goal-scoring. They were so much on top that they had the ball in the net eight times, Mr. Sam Thompson disallowing two of them, while McCartney's penalty was saved when he shot straight at Sandys. Drumcondra were totally unable to check the home side, for whom Donnelly and Thompson were great wing-halves, and Lavery, Grice and Kelly excellent forwards.

Drumcondra's defence was wide open most of the first half. Though beaten six times, Sandys had a very good game, because he was constantly in action. He saved from McArdle, Lavery and McCartney when he seemed certain to be beaten.

The opening score came when Donnelly was taken down at midfield, and with the Dundalk defenders waiting for a free, MacNamara whipped the ball into the centre, and Meehan netted. Seven minutes later a long clearance by Thompson was snapped up by Lavery, who got the equaliser. In another minute splendid play by Donnelly sent McArdle away on the right wing, and from his cross Lavery headed Dundalk's second goal. Four minutes later another centre by Thompson was headed through by Grice for Dundalk's third. In 35 minutes a misunderstanding between the Drumcondra fulls allowed Lavery in, and he shot his side's fourth goal, and his own third. Directly from the kick-off Grice sent the ball well upfield with a great header, and Lavery scored Dundalk's fifth goal.

After 15 minutes of the second half MacNamara flashed in between Matier and Leatham to score Drumcondra's second goal. Lavery was taken down in the penalty area, but McCartney's spot kick was saved by Sandys. Ten minutes from the end Kelly gave Sandys no chance with a first timer, as the ball came from the left.

R. SMITH'S FEAT

The Bohemian forward, R. Smith, in the match with Bray Unknowns at Dalymount Park on Saturday, accomplished an exceptionally rare feat for a right-winger by scoring the four goals by which the Amateurs gained their second successive victory in the League. Throughout the first half he and the left-wing, P. Morris, led the Bray defence a merry dance, but it was not until twenty-five minutes after the start that the visitors showed any sign of wavering. Then Smith opened his sequence, prior to which Roche saved a penalty kick from McGrane, and it was by that goal that the Amateurs led at the interval. The strain of the Leinster Cup final with Distillery on the Friday, plus almost continuous pressure, told in the second half on the entire Bray team, and they were overrun and outplayed when Smith got his second twenty-five minutes after the change of ends. Morris replaced Downes on the Bohemian left-wing.

Hockey

Rovers Foiled By Carroll

ULIDIANS...... 3 THREE ROCK R.... 0

ULIDIANS, the Ulster touring club, visited Dublin on Saturday and beat Three Rock Rovers 3-nil at Londonbridge road. The game was, in one important respect, a reminder of some of the internationals immediately prior to the war; for Jack Carroll again showed that there has never been a better goal-keeper in this country. R. K. Pilkington was an important absentee from the Rovers' team, but, all the same, they played extremely well, the forwards combining splendidly at times, but they could not get the ball past Carroll. There were certainly occasions when they should have done so, but it must have been discouraging to see Carroll save so many shots of all kinds.

Ulidians had a useful defence generally, and their forwards moved well together at times, while Lord, at inside left, sent in the two best shots of the match. The first one, near the interval, was taken first-time from the right wing's centre, and his second one, after the interval, was unsaveable also. Groves got the third. It was a very fast and entertaining game to watch.

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Cheltenham Results

12.0 (2 m. 'chase)—**Paladin** (9/2), Mr. Hislop, 1; **Sable Marten** (5/6), G. Wilson, 2; **Post Prince** (10/1), Mr. Sherbrooke, 3. Also ran—Golden Knight, Custom House, Gingko, Solford, Argental, Dyrock, Mixed Foursome, Mask and Wig. 1½l.; 6l. J. Hall.

12.30 (1 m. 7 f., hurdles)—**Forestation** (4/6), R. Smyth, 1; **Pinocchio** (11/2), K. Piggott, 2; **Usenge** (25/1), G. Archibald, 3. Also ran—Ranger, Spoon Shot, Noble Memory, Black Cap, Rapscallion, Roman Law, Ocean Power, Coritta, Predicament, Tright Lyit Go-er, Ravensloe, Run Rabbit Run, Highland Days, Last Son. 2l.; 4l. V. Smyth.

1.0 (3m., 'chase)—**The Hack** (10/1), M. Jones, 1; **Irish Duke** (100/8), M. Garner, 2; **Savon** (13/2), G. Archibald, 3. Also ran—Teme Willow, The Uplifter, Kilstar, Home Lover, Masquery, Hurdy Gurdy, The Top, Cottage Rock, Nenagh Lad, Anca. 3l.; same. J. Anthony.

1.30 (3m., hurdles)—**Interlaken** (5/2), T. Carey, 1; **Galadale** (8/1), T. Isaac, 2; **Perce Disturber** (7/2), G. Cannon, 3. Also ran—Froth, Slieve Mish, Roman Hackle, Fox Star, Rosencranz, Colorado Boy, L'Estaque, Light Cone, Laihora, Misty, Decorated, Spectroscope, Pucka Lad, Outrider, River Fox, Niersteiner. 4l.; 1l. Beeby.

2.0 2m., 'chase)—**Medoc II** (6/4), H. Nicholson, 1; **Solarium** (7/1), G. Wilson, 2; **Roi d'Egypte** (8/1), Mr. A. Hunter, 3. Also ran—Harlequin, Up Sabre, Tallin, National Night, Grosvenor Bridge, Gold Cape, Beleaguered, Matador, Alacrity, Luncarty. 1l.; 2l. R. Hobbs.

2.30 (2m., hurdles)—**Fir Cone** (7/4), G. Wilson, 1; **Anarchist** (100/8), K. Piggott, 2; **Agleam** (8/1), T. Carey, 3. Also ran—Manthe, Little Meadow, Tonbaun, Mickey Bulger, Poetic Licence, Farsi, St. Toi, Borytown, Joyeux Hector, Craigsford, Sawfish, Portpatrick, Lecco, April Sunshine, Frivilous Friar, Claret, Uncle Hero. ½l.; dead-heat for second place. R. Hobbs.

GOLF CLUB RESULTS

Portmarnock.—Fourball—D. P. Morris and A. H. Davidson, 7 up; P. A. Bell and J. Dwyer, 5 up; R. C. Ewing and E. Powell, 3 up; F. D. Shortall and C. S. Barrett, 3 up; A. T. McMahon and R. P. Rice, 3 up; R. F. Williams and C. M. Ryan, 3 up; Capt. Pike and R. B. Kennett, 2 up.

Grange.—Medals—I.—D. J. Smyth (4), 2 up; J. H. Reade (4), 1 up; A. Goodridge (9), all square. II.—J. Boylan (15), 3 up, III.—J. V. Bowden (22), all square.

Rathfarnham.—Medals (9 holes)—I.—V. K. Bailey (3), 1 down; G. H. Woods (3), 3 down. II.—G. K. Deane (5), 3 up; M. T. Bailey (5), 1 up. III.—A. Collie (7), 1 down; J. C. Wilkinson (9), 1 down.

Milltown.—Fourball, Stableford, first nine—R. Cruise (7) and P. Van Miert (7), 32 points; B. D. Fleming (10) and J. K. Francis (11), 31. Saturday—Medals, bogey, first nine.

Bray.—Medal—I.—P. Dunne, 2 up. II.—J. J. Byrne, 3 up.

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Castle.—Fourball, Stableford, first nine—C. Culhane and T. Loder (6), 41; M. Gill and M. Hopkins (6), 38 3-8. Second nine—J. Coogan and F. Kelly (5), 39; W. Lawler and F. Connolly (6), 34; T. Garland and T. F. Williamson (6), 33; M. H. Gill and M. Hopkins (6), 33.

Clontarf.—Committee prize (fourball)—H. Delany (8) and M. S. McEvoy (10), 7 up; B. Rice (6) and M. Minogue (15), 6 up.

Delgany.—Fourball—P. Tighe and J. Conroy, 3 up; H. Coyle and J. Coyle, 2 up.

Dun Laoghaire.—Fourball—M. O'Hara and J. Ward, and T. McCarthy and R. Kirwan, 7 up; E. Clayton and W. Holmes, J. O'Keeffe and D. O'Keeffe, H. Moore and C. Hartnett, 6 up.

Killarney.—Semi-open mixed fourball—J. B. and Mrs. Ganley, winners; P. Griffin and Mrs. S. Heatley, second. Fourball—R. Brown and J. Watt, winners.

Royal Dublin.—Fourball — L. Gunning (6) and R. H. Taylor (7), 6 up; G. Downes (4) and V. Coughlan (6), 5 up.

Sutton.—Twelve holes — G. Fitzgerald (6), 1 up; P. Moran (11), 1 down. Saturday—Medals, 12 holes, strokes.

Woodbrook.—Fourball — D. Lynch (4) and J. O'Dwyer (12), 7 up; K. Troy (3) and J. T. Wall (9), 6 up.

Newlands.—Fourball, Stableford — Winners—J. Rutherford (15) and F. T. Driscoll (16), 76 points; W. J. Wilkinson (9) and F. Twamley (10), 72.

LAWN TENNIS

Gene Mako has turned lawn tennis professional, and will replace Fred Perry, who injured his arm in a heavy fall during a match in a tour with Budge, Riggs and Kovacs, says a Press Association Foreign Special message from New York.

RUGBY RESULTS

BELFAST MATCHES.—North 13, East Lancs Regt. 3; Instonians 14, Armagh 0; R.A.F. 6, Short and Harlands 0; Malone 27, C.I.Y.M.S. 5.

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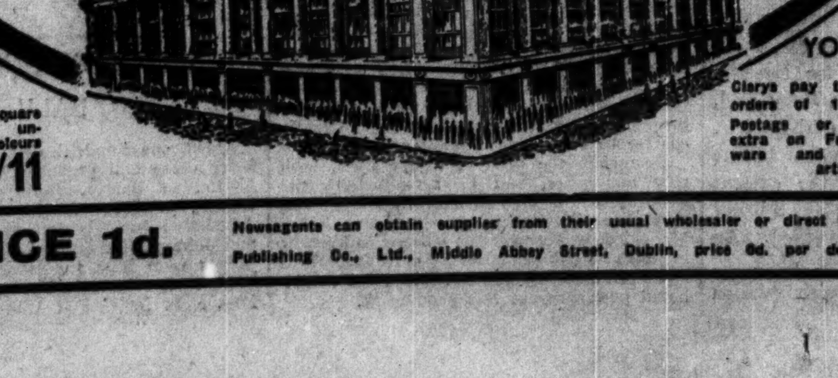
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Applications are invited from qualified and experienced persons for the above-mentioned temporary positions. The persons to be appointed must have experience of Road Construction and General Survey Work, and must be competent to prepare Schemes for Main Drainage and Sewers, Water Services and Housing.
Salary—Six Guineas per week.
Application should be made on the official application form, which may be obtained from the undersigned.
The appointments will be subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, and, subject to satisfactory service, it is estimated that the employment will be for a period of approximately six months.
Latest date for receiving applications—5th January, 1942.
T. C. O'MAHONY,
Borough Manager and Town Clerk.
Town Hall, Dun Laoghaire,
29th Dec., 1941.

PROVINCIAL BANK OF IRELAND, LIMITED.
Mr. Patrick Bourke, Chief Officer in Ireland, has been elected a Director of the Bank.

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ROSCOMMON COUNTY COUNCIL.
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Tenders will be considered by the undersigned up to the 15th January, 1942, for the Hire of Steam Rollers and Stone Crushing Plants.
Competent Drivers to be supplied. Also all fuel, oil, etc.
In the case of Steam Rollers, a Watering Cart shall be supplied with each Roller.
Persons tendering to state type of Plant they propose supplying and inclusive price per day for their hire.
Idle time to be also quoted, and a price for Saturday, which is a half-day.
Turf for the working of Plants can be purchased locally, delivered at the site of the works.
Signed: MICHAEL NERNEY,
County Surveyor,
Courthouse, Roscommon,
24/12/1941.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES.

AN ROINN TALMHAIDHEACHTA
AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE (EGGS) ACT, 1939.
The Minister for Agriculture has appointed the number 12 as the CODE MARK to be applied to Eggs tested at Wholesalers' premises or examined at Retailers' premises during the period from 29th December, 1941 to 3rd January, 1942 (both dates inclusive).
D. TWOMEY, Secretary.
N.1253. W.H.Co.

EMERGENCY POWERS (WHOLESALE FLOUR DEALERS) ORDER, 1941.
The Minister for Supplies has made the above-mentioned Order relating to the issue of licences to persons carrying on the business of selling flour by wholesale.
On and after the 19th day of January, 1942, it will be illegal for any person to carry on the business of selling flour by wholesale at any premises unless he is the holder of a licence in respect of such premises.
Applications for licences must be made on the prescribed form, copies of which may be obtained on request in writing from the Secretary, Department of Supplies, 13/14 Earlsfort terrace, Dublin. A separate application for a licence must be made in respect of each premises.
A fee must accompany each application for a licence. The fee is 10/-; it should be remitted when applying for the form of application. Instructions as to the manner in which it should be paid will be issued with the blank forms.
WARNING.
Applicants for licences are warned that it will be an offence punishable by heavy penalties either to give false or misleading information when completing the form of application or to contravene any provision of the Order, and, in addition, the offender's licence may be withdrawn. Licences may also be withdrawn for contravention of the Emergency Powers (Flour Milling and Prices) Order, 1941, as amended by any subsequent Order, or of the Emergency Powers (Milling of Home Grown Wheat) Order, 1941, as amended by any subsequent Order, or of the Emergency Powers (Sieving of Wheaten Flour and Meal) Order, 1941, as amended by any subsequent Order.
JOHN LEYDON, Secretary,
Department of Supplies,
December, 1941.
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LEGAL NOTICES.

STATUTORY NOTICE TO CREDITORS
In the Goods of
HERBERT THOMAS FRADLEY, late of 50 Howth road, Dublin, and 22 Molesworth street, Dublin, Engineer, Deceased.
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of 22 and 23 Vic., c. 35, Section 29, that all persons having any debts, claims or demands upon or against the estate of the above-named Deceased, who died on the 20th day of May, 1941, and whose Will was proved in the Principal Registry of the Probate Division, High Court of Justice, Eire, on the 29th day of September, 1941, and in the Principal Probate Registry of the High Court of Justice in England on the 30th day of October, 1941, by the Munster and Leinster Bank, Ltd., of South Mall, Cork, the sole Executor named in the said Will, are hereby required to send in particulars (in writing) of their debts, claims or demands to us, the undersigned, on or before the 31st day of January, 1942. And Notice is hereby further given that, at the expiration of such time, the Executor will proceed to administer the estate and distribute the assets of the said Deceased amongst the persons entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims and demands of which the said Executor shall then have had notice, and the said Executor will not be liable for the assets of the said Deceased or any part thereof so distributed to any person or persons of whose claim or demand the Executor shall then not have had notice.
Dated this 17th day of December, 1941.
BENNETT THOMPSON and EDWARDS, Solicitors for the Executor, 12 Molesworth street, Dublin.

JOHN I. PATRICK, Deceased.
All parties having claims against the late John Ireland Patrick, Horse Hirer, Victoria street, Perth, or his firm of J. and J. Patrick, are requested to lodge the same with the Subscribers within 14 days from this date, and all parties indebted to the said John Ireland Patrick or his said firm of J. and J. Patrick are requested to make payment of their Accounts to the Subscribers within the like period.
J. & J. MILLER, W.S., Perth, Agents for Deceased's Trustees.
10 Blackfriars street, Perth,
23rd December, 1941.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—In your issue of the 20th instant you published an article applauding the Protestants of Ireland for responding to Mr. de Valera's call to the people to join one or other of the various Services. The writer of the article says that although the majority of those who have joined the Army belong to the Church of Ireland, other Protestant bodies are also represented, "and there are even representatives of the Society of Friends."

The historic and accepted view of the Society is as follows:—

[A leaflet issued by the Peace Committee of the Society of Friends is enclosed. It quotes, *inter alia*, the following sentences from "A Declaration from the Harmless and Innocent People of God, called Quakers," presented to Charles II. in 1660:—"We utterly deny all outward wars and strife, and fightings with outward weapons, for any end, or under any pretence whatever: this is our testimony to the whole world."—Ed., I.T.]

Surely it follows, if any on the roll of members of the Society have joined the Irish Army, of which I am not aware, they cannot be regarded as representatives of the Society, but rather as lost sheep that have strayed from the fold, perhaps only temporarily, but whose action is not to be applauded.

Your correspondent is not accurate in including the Society with Protestant Churches. Quakers are not Protestants. It is an old saying that "Ireland is inhabited by Catholics, Protestants . . . . and Quakers."

I can imagine nothing more repugnant to the Quaker outlook than that the swords of the cadets should be blessed at a religious Service.

Mr. de Valera is well aware of the view of the Society as to war and has asked Friends to join the casualty services. Many have done so. There is now a Friends' Division of the St. John Ambulance Brigade.—Yours, etc.,

JAMES HENRY WEBB.
Tinoran, Glenageary, Co. Dublin,
December 27th, 1941.

"IRISH INTEREST IN MALAYA"

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—As the father of a boy with the Public Works Department in Malaya for some years, I was deeply interested in the notes in your issue of yesterday.

In case you may be referring to the matter again, I take the liberty of giving you the following item:—

D. W. Grehan, B.A.I., M.A. Educated Belvedere College and T.C.D. Was in Penang acting as Prices Controller up to the evacuation. Lost everything, but reached Singapore safely.

The latter information he cabled to me last week-end. Perhaps I ought to add that my son is known as Dermot Grehan.—Yours, etc.,

T. A. GREHAN.
Glenida, Gordon avenue, Foxrock,
Co. Dublin, December 24th, 1941.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—To your list of Trinity men in public services in Malaya, given in your issue of Tuesday, 23rd, may I be allowed to add another name, that of Mr. Neville Steele, a District Engineer in the Federated Malay States Railways, and up to October, when last heard from, stationed at Kuala Lumpur?—Yours, etc.,

J. C. STEELE (Canon).
Killaghtee Rectory, Dunkineely,
Co. Donegal,
December 23, 1941.

The Irish Times

MONDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1941.

Malaya and the Philippines

News from the Far Eastern theatre of war remains scrappy, but not so scrappy that one cannot form a fair picture of the operations. The Japanese certainly are ambitious in their strategy. There can be few British, American or Dutch possessions in the Western Pacific which have not by this time been the recipients of their unwelcome attentions in the form either of an air raid or of a landing. Celebes and New Guinea were bombed during the week-end, while a force of parachutists—apparently a small force—landed in Sumatra. Nevertheless, the centres of interest, now that Hong Kong has been driven to surrender, continue to be the Malayan peninsula and the Philippines. In the former region the Japanese claim to have occupied virtually the entire district of Perak and to be pressing hard upon the town of Ipoh. It looks very much as if the lull which has marked their Malayan campaign during the past week has reached its end, and the real drive for Singapore is under way. What progress it will make is difficult to say. Reuter reports that the lull has been of great benefit to the British defenders, who have had an invaluable opportunity to consolidate their positions; but the cross-Channel press has made no effort to minimise the gravity of the whole situation. The plight of the Philippines is at least as parlous. Japanese reinforcements seem to be landing with terrifying regularity on both sides of the main island of Luzon, where the American garrison is now in a minority. The American evacuation of Manila, in order to declare it an "open town," has not been accepted as sufficient by the Japanese leaders on the island, who declare that they "will cease firing only after the final surrender of the American forces, and no sooner," and have given point to their threat by two air attacks upon the town. This week will mark the first genuine trial of strength between Japan and the democratic Powers. Britain and the United States were caught napping by the Japanese a fortnight ago; to all appearances they had no expectation whatever of an attack, and had made few or no special preparations for such an emergency. They have had some little time in which to pull themselves together—although the loss of the Prince of Wales and the Repulse is bound to have made a serious difference to their prospects—and we can assume that any further gains by the Japanese will be achieved only at a heavy cost of life and material.

At the war's outset we commented upon the extreme lack of censorship which permitted the wildest rumours to circulate in, and to emanate from, the United States. Such a charge cannot be laid at Washington's door now: indeed, there is such a scarcity of news from America that, so far as readers on this side of the Atlantic are concerned, she might be doing anything or nothing. It was announced over a week ago that the Pacific Fleet was in search of the enemy, but there is nothing so far to suggest that it has found him. Up to now the Japanese strategy has worked very well. It has contrived with remarkable skill to isolate all the strong points on whose co-operation the Anglo-American defence of East Asia and the Pacific depended, while it has deprived the Americans of two of their "stepping-stones" to the Far East, and has administered a severe battering to a third. The present object of the Japanese is to overcome Singapore and the Philippines before British and American help can arrive. Nobody would be surprised if the next week or two brought as thorough-going an exemplification of *blitzkrieg* tactics in the Far East as ever was displayed by Herr Hitler's military machine on the continent of Europe; for the Japanese cannot afford to wait. Sooner or later the colossal resources of the United States must be mobilised to the full, and against those resources the Japanese, with their admittedly scanty supplies of war material, will have little chance. Their hope is to gain the dominant position while America still is unprepared—as, in the nature of things, she must be for quite a time yet—and it will be a conspicuously harder task to thrust them from that position than it would have been for a well-prepared Power to prevent them from attaining it. The task will be harder still if Herr Hitler, now in supreme command of the German forces, acts in co-operation with the Japanese. One can hazard a guess that the long lull in the battle of the Atlantic has not been entirely unintentional, and that the Germans have been saving their submarines for such an intensification of it as will require the presence of all the British, and a great part of the American, Navy. It is too early, however, for prophecy. The British and American lack of preparation may not be by any means so dangerous as the Japanese successes have led most people to believe, and the two Allies, perhaps, will be the next to furnish surprises. After the Russian movements of the last few weeks, anything is possible.

Israel Homeless

Whatever solution is found practicable, the world of nations must settle the Jewish problem when at last a general peace settlement is undertaken. The most ancient of the nations has been homeless for nearly two thousand years, and yet has contrived to survive as a people with language, traditions, and mutual loyalty preserved intact. The Rev. Dr. A. H. Ryan, of Belfast, recently lectured upon this august and difficult theme. Our summary of his words told how he rebuked the anti-Semite who, resentful of the vast influence of Jewry in world affairs, hates or persecutes Israel. Both for mystical and for moral reasons, as Dr. Ryan said, no true Christian can be anti-Semitic. The text of Dr. Ryan's valuable lecture is published *in extenso* in the current number of *Studies*. Therein the history of the Zionist movement is recalled. An Austrian Jew, Theodor Herzl, disgusted by the outburst of anti-Jewish passion that the Dreyfus affair aroused, took up the thesis that nothing could save Israel but a Jewish State, a Jewish homeland, whereby his nation would be enabled to assert equal international rights with other races. His ideal captured his people, and he was enabled very soon to stand before the Turkish Sultan offering to buy Palestine. The Turks refused the Jewish request, and would not part peacefully with the ancient territory that they held by the sword. Then Joseph Chamberlain, as Secretary of State for the Colonies, offered the Jews a fertile land in Africa—namely, Uganda. Herzl favoured acceptance, but the Zionist Congress refused any substitute for the Jewish fatherland on which the dying Moses had looked forth with tears. The leader of the opposition to the British offer was a Russian Jew, Dr. Weizmann. He afterwards became lecturer in chemistry at the University of Manchester, and it is stated that his chemical genius "saved Britain from a lack of T.N.T. in the last war." Mr. Arthur Balfour, moved by gratitude to the Jewish patriot, sponsored his cause, and brought about the famous declaration in favour of a national home for the Jews in the Holy Land. The fortunes of the experiment which followed are fresh in all memories, and the secure establishment of a Jewish State is still problematical. Even a free Jewish fatherland, however, will not satisfy all the conditions of the world-wide problem; for it is not likely, or even practicable, that all other lands should be emptied of Jews. What is to be done with those who cannot become settlers in the new Jewish country? These Jews of the *diaspora*, numerous, often rich, and always a power, must be given some status which will put an end to friction between them and their Gentile neighbours. Mr. G. K. Chesterton and Mr. Hilaire Belloc, prolific in their writings on the Jews, proposed the erection of Jewish cantons, or extra-territorial *enclaves*, in the great cities of Europe and America. It is hard to see how this plan differs from that of the ghettos of Tsarist Russia and mediæval times. Perhaps, the just and acceptable solution would suggest itself, once the nations grappled honestly with the task. The will would produce the means.

Whited Sepulchres

A recent report in one of the Belfast newspapers has it that shopkeepers of all kinds will be requested to get rid of the dummy packages that continue to adorn their windows, although everybody is aware that the articles which they advertise have become long since unobtainable. Two grounds are alleged for this appeal. In the first place, from a purely practical point of view, it would be a valuable help to the waste paper campaign if all the packages could be collected and sent to be pulped; in the second place, it would relieve the feelings of the disgruntled men and women in the street if these untimely reminders of happier days were removed from view. Few things are more tantalising than the sight of a shop-window full of enticing packets of cigarettes and appetising slabs of chocolate, when one knows perfectly well that a polite inquiry will elicit no more than an equally polite refusal, and that a search would reveal merely a few packets of cigarettes for special customers and a couple of bars of the more ordinary types of chocolate. On the other hand, if the shops were to remove all the dummy packets and advertisements from their windows they would be left with the problem of finding a suitable alternative. In the present hard times it is obvious that they cannot waste what small supplies they have by putting them on exhibition in the window; indeed, stocks rarely are in the shop long enough to find their way from the stockroom into the window, and even if they happened to reach the window they hardly would remain there for long. A row of empty windows, however, would give the streets a deserted air, and, worse still, would leave the people in doubt as to what goods were "sold out" in what shops; for at the present time the great majority of people recognise the confectioner's shop from that of the tobacconist rather by the window display than by the notice above it. One way out of the difficulty would be the style of window-dressing which was advocated at the beginning of the war, and has been in use in some shops—that of the "peep-show," which consists of a boarded or curtained window, with only a small stage in the centre open to the public gaze, upon which a few obtainable articles could be tastefully and economically arranged.

FROM "THE TIMES"

MR. EDEN'S MOSCOW MISSION

The Times in a leading article to-day says: Mr. Eden's visit to Moscow, news of which was released to the British public last night, takes an important place among the crowded happenings of the past few weeks. It was arranged before the brilliant victories which have so decisively turned the tide in favour of our allies on the Eastern front, and Mr. Eden had already started for Moscow before the final consummation of Japan's policy of aggression. But these events made the close personal relationship which Mr. Eden has been able to re-establish with the Soviet leaders particularly welcome and necessary to both sides. M. Stalin and Mr. Eden record that the fullest measure of agreement was reached between them on the conduct of the war and that the conference has constituted an important "step forward towards closer collaboration," and this step must be seen in the larger perspective of the grand alliance in which both Britain and Russia are associated with the United States of America, and with a growing number of other countries of every continent, some of them immensely populous and possessed of vast potential resources.

The immediate purpose which Mr. Churchill is at this moment pursuing in Washington is to bring together in one common design the strategy and the policy of these three great Powers, the pillars and corner stones of the alliance. Collaboration between the United States, Soviet Russia and Great Britain for the purposes of war is the one sure guarantee that the Axis threat to civilisation will be repelled and broken. Its continuance after the war affords the best—perhaps the only—hope of rebuilding our civilisation on a new and securer basis of ordered freedom and shared prosperity. Only through this collaboration can the principles of Atlantic charter be carried out round the globe.

Meanwhile the path of co-operation, both now and after, can be smoothed by the removal of many misunderstandings and mutual suspicions of the past, and the visit of Mr. Eden, whose previous journey to Moscow in 1935 also left behind it the most favourable memories and impressions, will have contributed powerfully to this good work.

COURT AND PERSONAL

The Countess of Haddington has given birth to a son and heir.

The Earl of Wicklow is now in residence at Shelton Abbey, Arklow, Co. Wicklow.

The Earl and Countess of Harrowby were among those who attended the funeral of Lieutenant-Colonel Francis Hugo Lindley Meynell, which took place last week at Hoar Cross, Burton-on-Trent.

Lady Yarrow was among those at the meet of the South County Dublin Harriers on St. Stephen's Day, which was held at Lucan Hydro.

Mr. Peter Dunn, Joint Master of the South County Dublin Harriers, who met with a recent riding accident, is now quite recovered and hopes to be hunting again in the near future.

The engagement is announced between Gordon, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Wither, of Eccles, Manchester, and Rosalie, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Riggs, of Monkstown, Co. Dublin.

The engagement is announced between Captain (T./Major) Robert Windsor Roe, the Loyal Regiment, elder son of the late Major J. W. Roe, R.F.A., and of Mrs. Roe, 11 Fitzwilliam square, Dublin, and Bettie Helen, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Bion, of 29 Coleraine road, Portrush.

Switzer and Co., Ltd., wish to intimate that their premises re-open at 9 a.m. to-day.

An entirely new collection of Dinner and Dance Frocks have arrived at Miss Doran's Salons, Dawson street. Cocktail Frocks, with matching Millinery, Gloves and Bags. Fur Coats, Boleros, Sable Ties, Capes, etc., etc. All accessories for smart wear.

Margaret Watson's Sale to-day. As only a limited quantity of garments can be reduced patrons are requested to call early.—17A Dawson street.

Leaders of Fashion in all Spectacle Wear. Dixon and Hempenstall, Grafton street.

Stephens and Bourke Winter Sale of Footwear starts to-morrow.

TO LADIES.—Ladies' Department for Medical Appliances, Artificial Silk Elastic Stockings, or Lastex and Lastestar Stockings, stretching both ways.—Fannin and Co., Ltd., 41 Grafton street.

Sharpley's, Specialists, Baby Linen, Nursery Accouchement Sets. Price List—2 Nassau st., Dublin.

ON THE WIRELESS

IRISH PROGRAMME

6—"A Swordsman of the Brigade," by Micheal O hAnnrachain. Serial Story, read by Gerard Healy. Episode 1. 6.20—Light Music. 6.40—Stock Exchange, Sports Results, Official Announcements. 6.45—News. 7—Bheilidcoireacht de reir an t-sean nois. Micheal Mac Aodhagain. 7.15—New Books by Irish Authors, reviewed by W. B. Stanford. 7.30—Sixteenth Century Church Music—Laurentian Choir. 8—"Pros and Cons"—Radio Debate, conducted by Michael Farrell. "Mistress, Master and Maid—In the Home Again." 8.30—Maria Viani (soprano). 8.45—"Bhi aithne agam air." 1: "An t-Athair Peadair." Caint o Chormac O Cadhlaigh. 9.5—Irish Radio Orchestra (conductor, Lieut. M. A. Bowles) and J. C. Bowen (tenor). 10—Nuacht. 10.10—News in English. 10.30—"Staggering": interview in regard to easing the transport problem in the city.

B.B.C. PROGRAMME

7—News. 7.15—Records. 7.30—Up in the Morning Early. 7.50—"Tune for To-day." 7.55—Lift Up Your Hearts! 8—News. 8.15—Kitchen Front. 8.20—Records. 9—Orchestra. 9.30—Talk. 9.45—Organ. 10—"Waltz Time." 10.15—Service. 10.30—Orchestra. 11—String Quartet. 11.30—Orchestra. 12.10—Organ. 12.30—Ensa Concert. 1—News. 1.30—Players. 2—B.B.C. Singers. 2.20—Band. 3—Band. 3.30—"Pianissimo." 4—"Machine Tools." 4.15—Orchestra. 5—News in Welsh. 5.20—Children's Hour. 6—News. 6.30—News in Norwegian. 6.45—"Ordeal," Drama. 7.5—Jack Buchanan. 7.35—Orchestra. 8.15—"The Honourable Mr. Tawnlish." 9—News. 9.20—"Up at the Villa." 10.25—Organ. 10.45—News in Gaelic. 10.50—Viola. 11.20—Band. 12—News.

FORCES PROGRAMME

6.30—Reveille! 7—News. 7.15—Records. 8—News. 8.15—Records. 9—Orchestra. 9.30—"Starlight." 9.45—Organ. 10—"Roast Chestnuts." 10.30—Orchestra. 11—Anniversaries. 11.15—Band. 12—Piano. 12.15—"A Nice Sit Down." 1—News. 1.15—"Welsh Rarebit." 1.50—"Are You Sure?" 2.20—Band. 3—Band. 3.30—"Canadians Entertain." 4—"Small Change." 4.15—Band. 4.55—"The Artist's Choice." 5.15—"Ack-Ack, Beer-Beer." 6—News. 6.30—Forces Music Club. 7—"Hoorah for Hollywood!" 7.30—"About Turn." 8.15—"Women at War." 9—News. 9.20—Private Smith Entertains. 9.45—Canadian News-Letter. 10—"Carnival of the Animals." 10.30—Sextet.

THE HOLIDAYS AT GREYSTONES

The Grand Hotel, Greystones, had a splendid Christmas—it was the most enjoyable and the most crowded ever experienced.

Among those who spent the holidays there were:—Dr. and Mrs. J. Coolican, and Master Coolican; Mr. and Mrs. T. Cassrey, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Smyllie, Mr. and Mrs. Myers, Mr., Mrs. and Miss Winter, Mr. and the Misses Lowrey, Mr. and Mrs. Lambkin, Mrs. Hossord, Mr. and the Misses Dinnigan, Mr. W. S. Byrne, the Misses Moore, Mr. and Miss Crowther, Mr. and Mrs. McIlhaga, Mrs. Wellwood, Belfast; Mr. Johnson, Belfast; Mr. and Mrs. Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. Walkey, Mr. and Mrs. McQuiston, Mr. and Mrs. Delahunt, Mr. F. and Mrs. Keatinge, Mr. Gaveson, Mr. Pierce, Dr. Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. Thornton, Mr. Hackett, Mr. Larchford, Mr., Mrs. and Miss Torrie, Waterford; Mr. and Mrs. Carroll, Mr. and Mrs. J. Barry-Walshe, Mr. Hunter, Galway; Mr. A. Clancy, Mr. Poole, Miss Hicks, Mr. Mecredy, Mr. and the Misses McGuigan, Mr. Sutton, Mr. and Mrs. McNamara, Dr. Gladys Graham, the Misses Guinan, Miss Lambert, Mr. J. Millea, Mr. and Mrs. Bridgeman, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley T. Stokes, Mr. and Mrs. Campbell, Dr. and Mrs. Mitchell, Mr. Allman, Miss Booth, the Misses O'Phelan, Mr. Parkes, Miss Burke, Miss Moore, Dr. Murtagh, Mr. and the Misses Carson, Belfast; Mrs. Gilliland.

DUBLIN'S CHRISTMAS POSTAL TRAFFIC

This Christmas the postman seemed, somehow, to be less noticeable than in former years, yet he carried bags that were almost as heavy as last year's, and he travelled a little further.

In spite of war's restrictions, and the gradual readjustments to emergency conditions, postal traffic in Dublin this Christmas was almost as heavy as ever. The sorting office at Pearse street catered for no less than 8,187,660 letters and packets between the 17th and the 24th December. Five million and one thousand letters—over ten for every man, woman and child in Dublin—were delivered in the city and suburbs during the same period. The men at Pearse street dealt also with 70,417 registered letters—there were many people unable to get home to the provinces because of transport difficulties.

Dublin postal officials received 327,112 parcels, and they sent 248,900 parcels to cross-Channel centres, and delivered 104,584 in the city and suburbs. The registered parcels numbered 29,993.

ROYAL CITY OF DUBLIN HOSPITAL

The patients of the Royal City of Dublin Hospital, Baggot street, were treated to an enjoyable entertainment last Saturday by the musical and dramatic section of St. Nicholas Goodfellowship. Songs, dances and musical items were given by Miss Vera Flanagan, R.I.A.M.; the clever little pupils of Miss Doris McDonald, Mr. W. Honeyman, Miss Patty Kavanagh and Miss S. Whelan. Miss McDonald and Mr. J. J. Fitzgerald are to be congratulated on the success of the show. Dr. R. Wilson (Santa Claus) distributed the toys from the Christmas tree.

Among those present were:—The Matron, Miss R. V. Stokes; Dr. A. S. ffrench O'Carroll, Mr. R. F. J. Henry, Mr. R. A. Stoney, Doctors P. C. Smyly, A. Parsons, P. Meldon, J. V. Fleming, M. Solomons, P. Bermingham, D. Reardon, and the nursing staff of the hospital.

CHILDREN'S FANCY DRESS BALL

About one hundred children attended the fancy dress ball organised by Mrs. Andrew Kettle, in Barry's Hotel, Gardiner's row, Dublin, yesterday afternoon, in aid of the Associated Juvenile Catholics of SS. Michael and John. Miss Stafford was M.C., and the judges were Miss Ina Burke and Miss Rita O'Dea. Special solo dances were given by Miss Nora Lynch and Miss M. Barry.

LONDON LETTER

59 FLEET STREET, LONDON,
SUNDAY NIGHT.

THE policy of the British Government in encouraging farmers to hold wheat in stock until required for flour-milling has undergone an important change. The national reserves of wheat are held partly in stocks at, or near, the flour mills, and partly as unthreshed wheat on the farms. Under the Wheat Order of last year a scale of monthly prices designed to meet the cost of farm storage was laid down. As it will be necessary during the next few months to use the greatest possible amount of shipping for other vital war needs, farmers will now be encouraged to accelerate delivery of the large proportion of the home crop which remains unthreshed, thus enabling the necessary stocks of threshed wheat to be maintained for economic feeding of the mills. An order has just been made by Lord Woolton which amends the monthly prices for millable wheat—to growers ex farm—to 15s. 6d. in January and 15s. 9d. in February, representing increases of 6d. per cwt.; 15s. 9d. in March, an increase of 3d.; 15s. 9d. in April, decrease of 3d.; 15s. in May, decrease of 9d.; and 15s. in June, decrease of 6d. All wheat remaining on Northern Ireland farms must be threshed and sold not later than June 30th. In Britain zero hour is a month earlier.

Widespread De-reservations

The lowest number of men to be de-reserved monthly during 1942 will exceed 100,000 under the new call-up system, whereby reservation ages go up by one year each month, beginning on Thursday next. The new schedule of reserved occupations issued last week by Mr. Bevin's Ministry recognises no fewer than 301 occupations for men from able seamen to zinc manufacturer. The trade of "angle iron smith's hammerman," for example, has the very low reservation of eighteen years. By March all in this work who are 21 will be de-reserved, and by December next only the "over 29s" will be still reserved. The building trade had an average age reservation, before Thursday, of 27. Applications for deferment will be made in most of their cases on the ground that the work is of national importance to the war effort, and, contrary to popular impression, three months' deferments may be granted continually. The raising of the ages will go on until men of 51 are reached—and even higher if the military age is raised again. A man of 48 in an occupation now reserved at 25 may be needed and called upon in the spring of 1944.

"No Cigarette Papers"

The reply, "No cigarette papers," has become almost as common in London as "No cigarettes." The shortage is due, not to lack of paper, but because many more people are now rolling their own cigarettes. One of the biggest firms is now turning out two and a half times its peace-time production of papers, and is still unable to keep pace with the demand. Cigar-smokers have been more fortunate than cigarette addicts, as there are adequate stocks available. A good cigar will keep ten years in these islands. Cigars have to be exported from Cuba in three or four weeks' from the time they are made, as they cannot stand the heat.

Irish Migrant Problems

Mr. J. H. Mountain, a well-known Lincolnshire farmer, is suggesting that the earnings of Irish migrant labourers should be regulated by the War Agricultural Committees, the National Farmers' Union and the Ministry of Labour. A gang has served him well for upwards of twenty years. "In spite of such long association, it is only with difficulty that they are held until the work is finished. One gang of five working on his farm averaged £7 3s. 9d. each a week from June to this month. For eight weeks, knocking and topping sugar beet, they earned £10 a week. "The women's land army soldier labour and schoolboys are poor substitutes for the Irishmen," says Mr. Mountain. "The necessity is to gather and garner one's crops in the little time between ripening and when they are best to harvest." He complains that the men "exploit our needs, and wire their money home weekly with cunning regularity out of the reach of the long arm of the income tax collector."

January Sales

There will be "white sales," as usual, in the new year, mostly for a fortnight, if stocks last. While the Board of Trade announce that there will be no coupon concessions, the womenfolk hope to secure some wonderful bargains, especially in damask cloths and Turkish towels, which have increased only slightly in price. Furs are so short that most stores are not including them in the sales. It is believed that no further divided skirts will be made until after the war because of the extra material required.

Official War History

A dozen distinguished historians have been appointed by the Government to advise on the general plan of official histories of the present war. Mr. E. A. Beneians, Master of St. John's College, Cambridge, is chairman of the committee, which will exercise only general supervision over the collection of data. They will direct and guide narrators to assemble the facts about the various phases of the conflict. Some narrators have been at work for a considerable time. Logs of the short and unsuccessful Norwegian campaign are nearly complete. The writer of the actual history is unlikely to be nominated until peace is restored.

Only the Doors of Timber

In four hundred houses now being built by the Coventry Corporation, the only timber used is for the doors. They are of brick and concrete, with steel frames for windows and doors, and the rents run from 16s. to 25s. a week. The flat roofs are of nine-inch concrete, and the stairs is of the same material with tiled floors. The pantry has 14-inch reinforced walls, and is provided with bunks to form an indoor shelter. A boiler at the back of the living-room fireplace provides hot water for the bathroom and kitchen. Their construction makes these homes not only fireproof, but also able to stand up to anything but a direct hit from a h.e. bomb.

AN IRISHMAN'S DIARY

'Dumbo'

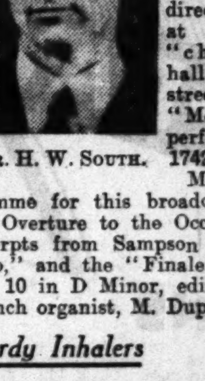
"Dumbo" is the title of Walt Disney's fifth full-length Technicolour film. It contains a character which he has named Timothy Q. Mouse—a better "mouse act," I am told, than even that of the famous Mickey, who became a favourite in every known language. As Miguel Maus he captured the imagination of all Spaniards—a difficult feat.

Dumbo, the hero, is appropriately delivered to his mother, Jumbo, by a dive-bombing stork tied up like a Christmas pudding. There are five black crows who sing with real negro voices, and, incidentally, the voice of their leader, Jim Crow, is that of Cliff Edwards.

Dumbo's great aim in life is to become a flying elephant. He achieves his ambition with the help of his crow friends, Timothy Mouse and Casey Junior, the singing locomotive, who has already appeared in "The Reluctant Dragon."

Handel in Dublin

It is interesting to recall, in connection with a Handel bicentenary broadcast which that talented musician, Mr. H. W. South, B.Mus., is to give from the organ of St. Mary's Church, Donnybrook, on January 5th, that on or about that date two centuries ago the great composer was himself in Dublin.


MR. H. W. SOUTH.

He was residing at Upper Abbey street, and, as well as playing the organ in St. Andrew's Church, was directing concerts at Mr. Neale's "charming music hall" in Fishamble street, where the "Messiah" was first performed in April, 1742.

Mr. South's programme for this broadcast will include the Overture to the Occasional Oratorio, excerpts from Sampson and "Il Pastor Fido," and the "Finale" from Concerto No. 10 in D Minor, edited by the great French organist, M. Dupré.

Hardy Inhalers

Four city tobacconists yesterday told me one story in three parts. They are selling more pipes since cigarettes became scarce; they are selling more pipe tobacco than cigarettes; they are selling more cigarette papers than ever before.

Many smokers roll their own cigarettes. The finest tobacco, at patent roller, and a packet of gummed papers at 60 a penny is the outfit required. From 30 to 35 cigarettes of average size can be produced per ounce of tobacco used—and it used to cost about 1s. 1½d. an ounce.

This was an economical proposition in another way; for one might often sacrifice a smoke when at work on account of the extra trouble in rolling the cigarette. The prices of cigarette tobaccos rose with everything else. Now they cannot be bought at any price.

As a result, the private cigarette manufacturers are making inroads on the pipe smokers' supplies.

There are several blends, one tobacconist told me, which are made exclusively for the pipe, but are still mild enough for hardy cigarette inhalers. I tried a few different brands, and found that I could turn out either a "needle" or a "telegraph pole," varying in flavour from straight Virginia to the fragrance of a Turkish blend.

And, if home cigarette-making was economical, using cigarette tobacco, it is more so when one uses the pipe variety. Prices have gone up correspondingly, but for from 1s. 6½d. to 1s. 10½d. (according to the brand used) it is possible to produce 42 cigarettes of satisfying size—and the tobacco can still be bought.

True . . . I was told that the papers are running short.

Many Per Cent.

On a cognate subject—

One gallon is eight pints, one pint is sixteen half-ones.

In despair of obtaining a sufficiency of matches, I have dragged my old petrol-lighter out of its dusty retirement, and a new problem has arisen—that of fuel. To say the least of it, my friends with cars have been close, even to the extent of a few drops of the precious fluid.

I have, therefore, compelled myself to buy a bottle of a new fuel at the local tobacconists. It has cost me a substantial number of pence. It is approximately the volume of a "half-one." It smells and behaves strikingly like petrol, but its price works out at roughly thirty times that of petrol.

Which makes me, not for the first time, wish that I had been born with business instincts. Nevertheless, it is pleasant to get fuel for that lighter of mine at any price.

"Hon."

To complete the interesting reference in your issue of Friday, writes a correspondent, the following from *The World Almanac* (New York), 1939, should be useful and topical.

Those addressed as "Hon." are:—The President of the United States, members of the Supreme Court, all Judges, Federal, State and Municipal; also Governors, Mayors and Heads of Departments.

QUIDNUNC.

SEASON'S POPULAR GIFTS

What were the most popular gifts this Christmas? This year, more than ever before, it was the thought behind the gift, and the amount of cunning put into practice to obtain it that counted. For, without any doubt at all, the hitherto humble packet of cigarettes as much pleasure to the fortunate recipient as any other.

The South of Ireland was "invaded" by hungry visitors from the North who were able to get transport over the border and came down in anticipation of gastronomic orgies. The problem of what to give them was easy—a box of real chocolates or a carton of rich dairy cream was a real treat for them, but our friends in Eire, already surfeited with unrationed food, were almost pathetically grateful for additional smokes and for silk stockings, which threaten to become luxuries of the past.

The only thing about it is this: some stockings last, some don't, but none of them last for ever, and all that we shall have by which to remember the donor when Easter comes is an account at the invisible-menders' or a cellophane wrapping, which we should treasure along with the cigarette butts when all our good resolutions have gone up in smoke.

BRITAIN TO PRAY WITH UNITED STATES

The people of Britain will take part in America's National Day of Prayer on the first day of the new year. In a statement on Saturday night the Archbishop of Canterbury said that the King hoped that many of his people would join with the people of the United States "in prayer for them, their country and for the cause in which they are now our allies and comrades." Cardinal Hinsley, Archbishop of Westminster, and the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland also announced that their Churches will take part in the Day of Prayer.

CAB "DERBY" IN PHŒNIX PARK

The usual Christmastide "Cab Derby" was held in the Phœnix Park on Saturday. Fifty cabs were entered, and the judges were pleased with the good condition of the vehicles. The prizes included a sack of oats and a sack of bran, with cigarettes and socks for the drivers. Mr. George Bonass and Mr. G. Byrne organised the "Derby."

The prize-winners included:—John Reardon, Poplar row; R. Corcoran, Railway street; P. Berney, Camden row; Joseph Cleary, Dominick lane, and C. Eustace, Exchange street.

THE SUN.

	To-day.	To-morrow.
Rises	9.41	9.41
Sets	5.14	5.15
Lighting-up Time	5.44	5.45

HIGH WATER AT DUBLIN.

	To-day.	To-morrow.
Morning	10. 4	10.48
Evening	10.20	11. 2

AT OTHER PORTS.

	Morning.	Evening.
Cork	3.15	3.49
Dundalk	9.49	10. 5
Galway	3.14	3.36
Sligo	3.57	4.21
Waterford	4.14	4.47

APPEAL to SHOPKEEPERS

CLOSE EARLY : SAVE LIGHT

ECONOMY in the use of ELECTRICITY, GAS, ILLUMINANTS and FUEL is VITAL.

Under Emergency Powers (Early Closing of Shops) Order, 1941, most shops IN ALL PARTS OF THE COUNTRY must close at

6 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday.
9 p.m. on Friday.
10 p.m. on Saturday.

Under Emergency Powers (Early Closing of Shops in Dublin City) Order, 1941, all shops in DUBLIN COUNTY BOROUGH except those specially exempted in the Order must close at 5.30 p.m., except on Saturdays and Sundays, on and after 1st January, 1942.

Emergency Powers (Control of Lights) (No. 2) Order, 1941, prohibits the lighting of shop windows except during the hours of darkness and while shops remain open to the public.

Department of Industry and Commerce,
29th December, 1941.

Arnotts Sale To-morrow

In spite of difficulties the tradition of service will not be broken. All who count on Arnotts Sale for their essential household and personal needs should see that they get their copy of the Sale Catalogue. See about it *now*—do not delay.

As usual Arnotts will remain closed to-day for the marking-down of prices.

ARNOTTS • HENRY STREET • DUBLIN



Grey Hair —*what*—ME?

A few stray grey hairs. But they mark the turning point—soon she will look "an old woman," and will suffer all the handicaps of elderly spinsterhood. She—and you—can hold back time's hand. A woman is as old as her hair, and the hair needn't look its years. Mutesco—the monastery hair tonic—keeps hair looking young, eradicates dandruff, restores grey or faded hair to its original colour — stops falling. Get Mutesco for your hair. Bottles 1/9 and 3/3.



Mutesco
The Monastery Hair Tonic

FUR DYERS Ltd.
107 CORK ST., DUBLIN
Will be Open from the 29th December to Purchase Rabbits, Poultry, etc., as usual.

A Domei report from Shanghai said that Japanese forces mopping-up the mountain areas of Anhwei Province during the past week had dealt a crushing blow to four Chinese divisions and killed 2,227 troops.

CHILD WELFARE IN BELFAST

HOW TO REDUCE INFANT MORTALITY

Dr. Thomas Carnwath, in a report prepared at the request of the Special Committee of six of Belfast City Council suggests more Corporation dwellings at rents within the means of the working-classes, and an efficient ante-natal and midwifery service for all expectant mothers irrespective of means. He also suggests home help for mothers reluctant to go to hospital, with a more liberal attitude in the supply of special foods to expectant mothers. Special schools for children suffering from certain diseases, and more attention to the problem of nutrition in schools, and greater Government responsibility financially for medical services.

Dr. Carnwath states that in the prevention, control and treatment of the major epidemic diseases, Belfast has little to reproach itself with, but in its personal medical services, it falls far short of what might reasonably be expected in a city of its size and importance. Referring to the infant mortality, Dr. Carnwath points out that forty years ago the city had a lower mortality than any of the large Lancashire or Yorkshire cities, but now it occupies the highest place in the list, the rate for last year, 122 per thousand births being the highest since 1920. In the first four weeks of life, developmental and wasting diseases are alone responsible for deaths equivalent to a rate of 32 per thousand live births in Belfast.

SOLDIER FATALLY INJURED

A British Army soldier, Private Donald McDonald, stationed in Fermanagh, sustained fatal head injuries when, while riding a motor cycle combination with a passenger, Corporal Charles Welford, in a sidecar, he collided with a lorry carrying gravel near Newtownbutler. The collision occurred on Christmas Eve. McDonald died on Christmas Day in Fermanagh County Hospital from a fractured skull base.

At the inquest it was stated that the accident occurred at Killysteenan, on the Newtownbutler-Lisnaskea road, at a bend. Both vehicles had passed each other when the bicycle struck the running board of the lorry and was dragged several yards. Welford was thrown from the sidecar, but McDonald remained seated on the bicycle. Death due to fractured skull base was the verdict.

There were 600 civilian casualties in the first Japanese air raid on Rangoon last Tuesday. Casualties in the second raid on Christmas Day were very small.



Doctors and Nurses recommend 'California Syrup of Figs'

They know it to be a perfectly safe and natural fruit laxative. It ensures gentle but thorough action and the kiddies love its delicious flavour.

When your child gets cross and peevish, has a coated tongue and a headache, all that is needed to restore health and happiness is 'California Syrup of Figs,' Nature's own laxative.

The wise mother follows the advice of doctors and nurses and gives a dose of "California Syrup of Figs" brand laxative each week. 1/3 and 2/6 everywhere. Be sure to emphasize 'CALIFORNIA.'

A CLARIFYING SITUATION

THE WAR ON ALL FRONTS

By Our Military Correspondent.

BARRING the puzzle about the German High Command—on which Field-Marshal Brauchitsch, in his farewell message, has thrown little or no additional light—the general aspects of the war have latterly become much more clearly defined. In Russia, for example, the position is now quite easy to grasp. That the Russians have gained quite useful successes is now manifest, and they would seem to have inflicted really heavy losses in the process. The reoccupation of places of the importance of Kaluga is an unmistakable sign: it is an important town about midway between Tula and Viazma—quite a different matter from the "populated centres" occupied automatically along the front as a whole. Even around Sebastopol the Germans do not seem to have been making much headway recently—although, it is true, the Russians have been less active on the southern sector than around either Moscow or Leningrad. In the Far North, also, it would seem as if Archangel is still able to be maintained icefree—a useful change from 1914-'15.

It is easy enough now to grasp the deeper ramifications of the Libyan campaign. Indeed, it seems as if new and unexpected possibilities in the strategic sphere may be opened up as a direct result of it. Ever since the collapse of France and the participation of Italy in the war—*i.e.*, for a year and a half—the Mediterranean has for all practical purposes been two distinct seas. Malta, in its isolation, could not possibly constitute an effective link between these two seas—it was too small and too remote from the *points d'appui* at the two outer ends, roughly a thousand miles. But the occupation of Tripolitania would make a vast alteration in the status of Malta. The island is only 198 miles from Tripoli—even from Benghazi it is only 470 miles. Backed by an extensive mainland, spaced with numerous harbours, Malta would then become a sort of formidable spearhead pointing north. There would also be the significance, politically, of bringing General de Gaulle's French troops into immediate proximity to the Tunisian border. Territories under his control already border Libya on the south.

THE FOREIGN LEGION

At the moment, of course, the Allies merely occupy Cyrenaica and raid into Tripolitania. Pockets of resistance still remain behind their front here and there. The remaining elements of the German armoured forces appear to be endeavouring to retreat around the Gulf of Sidra—where the Mediterranean bites most deeply into Africa. We hear no more about the infantry components of the Afrika-Korps; very likely they have suffered very heavily. It would be quite impossible to replace them, because they were largely recruited from among Germans of the now disbanded Foreign Legion. No wonder they fought in Africa as to the manner born.

As far as can be established, the Allies seem to have continued in enjoyment of a very substantial aerial superiority. There should be no difficulty in not merely retaining this, but even in extending it. The Axis possessed a very remarkable selection of aerodromes and landing-fields, which are now passing one by one into Allied hands. There is certainly now no further reason for diverting 'planes to Russia—for the moment, naturally. And it seems arguable that a very considerable portion of British bomber strength could operate just as usefully from Libya as from Britain. There are plenty of targets in S.E. Europe, just as in N.W.

THE PACIFIC

It is, however, the warfare in the Pacific which continues to have pride of place in the headlines—and here, too, the situation has become a good deal clearer. Or, to put it more accurately, the Japanese are clearly acting along the lines best calculated to meet their particular problems most suitably. They are exploiting very skilfully their position on "interior lines" and have succeeded in holding the British and Americans very far apart. The wedge between the two great naval Powers has been driven in much deeper. The base of it has been widened and strengthened by the practically simultaneous captures of Wake and Hongkong, while the point has reached Kuching, at the N.W. angle of Borneo. None of these points is likely to be retaken by the Allies within any near interval of time.

As between the Malayan and Philippine operations, the latter is now clearly the major effort. Very considerable forces—land, sea and air—have been thrown into Luzon, which is by far the most important of the islands. The defence appears to have been conducted with very remarkable skill and tenacity; but the declaring of Manila an "open town" is very like the handwriting on the wall. It is not possible to predict the future course of the Philippine fighting—how long the Luzon operations will continue, what measure of resistance will be possible in the other islands etc. Incidentally, the valuable aid to operations generally of the Dutch naval and aerial forces has a bearing on this aspect of the situation. The most important thing to gain is time.

MALAYA

The Malayan operations can now be sized up fairly simply. They are a moving into position against Singapore—all that could be attempted until the Philippine situation had been liquidated, or nearly so. During the present war we have heard a great deal about so-called "pincer movements"—some of them fantastic enough, in all conscience. But the movement against Singapore seems to merit the description better than many another. The Japanese are pushing down the length of the Malay peninsula—apparently based principally on Thailand and the railway from Bangkok. Penang permits of isolating—in part, at least—Singapore *via* the Malacca Strait. The move down the eastern shore past Kuantan can be kept supplied locally by sea. The latest threat, of course, is the landing at Kuching, in Sarawak—some 420 miles due east of the great fortress. Still, for all their initial successes and unmistakable skill, the Japanese are spread widely—should their adversaries prove able to turn this to proper account.

In this contest the joint conference of American, British and Chinese Generals at Chungking can certainly be regarded as a sign of correct thinking. Marshal Chiang-kai-Shek has from the first shown full and sound appreciation of all the factors. He, alone, is for the moment in a position to counter-attack the Japanese where they desire it least.



Miss B. Hinchie and Mrs. St. John Nolan at Leopardstown Races.

Film Notes

Looking Back

By Our Cinema Correspondent.

JULIEN DUVIVIER, of "Carnet de Bal" fame, has done it again. In **Lydia**, which is being shown at the Metropole this week, he again evokes the same sentimental nostalgia, helped on its way by soft music and an old-time waltz in slow motion. Merle Oberon, as Lydia, gives what is probably her best performance to date, ageing visibly as the film progresses.

In a room overlooking New York, Lydia Macmillan, an old woman, meets three of the four men she might easily have married. Together they discuss their lives, and in "flash-back" technique, the story of her life is revealed.

It is a very wonderful film, almost as great as "Carnet de Bal" and superior—from our point of view, at any rate—in one respect; for the dialogue is in English. There is the same bitter note of disillusion at the end of it, and the same sentimental little touches which give it a truly continental flavour.

The cast includes Edna May Oliver, Alan Marshall, Joseph Cotten and Hans Jaray, but the film is completely dominated by Merle Oberon.

Savoy

Beautiful settings, beautiful music, beautiful costumes, and beautiful Betty Grable in them—not to mention the still more beautiful Carole Landis, who, alas, plays only a minor part, and the no less beautiful Don Ameche and Robert Cummings, who weigh in on the male side of the scale—all contribute to the appeal of **Moon Over Miami**. Then, in case you are still not satisfied, there are Charlotte Greenwood, Jack Haley and a host of competent variety stars.

It is a light-hearted affair, reminiscent of "Down Argentine Way," with the ever-popular plot about the gold-digger who goes out in search of a rich husband and falls in love with a pauper, believing him to be a multi-millionaire.

Excellent fare for the times that are in it, but the inevitability of it all is inclined to get you down.

Adelphi

Blossoms in the Dust is the story of Mrs. Gladeney, who is still living, somewhere in America.

Mrs. Gladeney believed that the sins of the fathers' and mothers' should not be handed down to the children, and devoted thirty years of her life to bettering the lot of orphans and foundlings.

Beautifully filmed in technicolour and superbly acted by Greer Garson, this film is a sentimental, moving tribute to a wonderful woman. It probably will appeal to women more than men.

The cast also includes Walter Pidgeon—in the part of Mr. Gladeney, a Texas miller, who died at an early age—Marsha Hunt and Felix Bressart.

Capitol

To put it mildly, Dr. Kildare has been somewhat hesitant about popping the question to his pretty nurse, but in this film she takes matters into her own hands, and, as the title says, **Mary Names the Day.**

Naming the day, however, has never been enough so long as Dr. Kildare has been a doctor and so long as the stubborn old Dr. Gillespie has been in the background.

This time the wedding does not take place either; but for an altogether unexpected reason, and, strangely, nothing to do with Dr. Kildare for once.

It is a dramatic, but rather tearful, climax for the present season, but the acting from Lew Ayres as the doctor, Laraine Day as the nurse, and Lionel Barrymore as old Dr. Gillespie, is, as always, perfect.

Corinthian

Dual-*rôle* films afford plenty of scope for humour, and Roscoe Karns is funny at any time, so that the combination is irresistable. Roscoe Karns the first is a retiring, hen-pecked sort of fellow, with an inferiority complex, and Roscoe Karns the second—his twin brother—is a happy-go-lucky sort of tramp, a **Gay Vagabond.**

One of them is married—heaven help him—to Ruth Donelly, and the fun starts when the two of them forget which is which.

Later in the programme Gene Autry, that dreadful creature, gets **Back in the Saddle** to continue his self-appointed task of cleaning up the West, with the help of some pretty girl and in spite of the hindrance of Smiley Burnette.

One Night in the Tropics (Carlton).—Retained. Moonlight, music, and an amorous foursome composed of Robert Cummings, Peggy Moran, Allan Jones and Nancy Grey, with Abbott and Costello to provide the laughs.

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Tanks a Million (Royal).—A moderately amusing comedy, about the draft, starring Robert Gleeson. On the stage—Pantomime.

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Love on the Dole (Astor).—Deservedly on its seventh week, and still drawing crowded houses. See it while there is yet time.

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Caught in the Draft (Regal Rooms). Bob Hope and Dorothy Lamour have their own bit of private fun and games at the expense of the American "draft" campaign.

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Little Women (Grafton).—A revival of the film version of Louisa M. Allcott's famous novel. Just the thing to take the children to see.

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Under Two Flags (Green).—Ronald Colman and Claudette Colbert in the screen version of Ouida's thrilling story. Also Charles Bickford in "Thou Shalt Not Kill."

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Fighting Marshal (Pavilion).—Richard Dix and Florence Rice in a good Western. Also Pat O'Brien and Joan Blondell in "Orphan of the Ring." From Thursday, "Parachute Battalion," with Robert Preston and Nancy Kelly. Also Leon Errol in "Hurry, Charlie, Hurry."

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Magic in Music (Regent).—Allan Jones and Susanna Foster in an excellent musical. Also "Hurry, Charlie, Hurry." From Thursday, Deanna Durbin in "Nice Girl."

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The Man Who Lost Himself (Theatre De Luxe).—Kay Francis and Brian Aherne in sophisticated comedy. From Thursday, Lionel Atwill and Lon Chaney in "The Electric Man." Also Richard Arlen in "Men of Timberland."

"THE FIDDLER'S HOUSE"

REVIVAL AT ABBEY THEATRE

It was a treat to see Padraig Colum's delightfully amusing comedy, "Fiddler's House," staged once more at the Abbey Theatre, Dublin, last night. The piece keeps perennially fresh, and last night it caught on as it invariably did when produced many years ago. It was splendidly cast, with W. O'Gorman in the *rôle* of the old fiddler, Conn Hourican, who finds it impossible to resist the call of the road, and eventually takes up his fiddle to follow whither his music calls. This was a wonderfully natural and convincing character study. Nelli Manning in the difficult part of the fiddler's elder daughter, Maire, was excellent. She, too, has the fiddler's rambling blood in her, and Miss Manning filled the *rôle* with perfect understanding and sympathy. Her recital of the song, "I know where I'm goin'," was especially moving. Sheila Manahan provided a neat contrast as the young sister, and had a fine partner in Harry Webster as her poet lover. Liam Redmond was very thorough as Brian MacConnell—one of those fierce, lawless types that he plays so well. Ria Mooney staged the play admirably.

As a curtain raiser there was presented for the first time "Black Fast," a poetic farce in one act by Austin Clarke. It deals with the period when Irish Churchmen kept Easter at a different date from that fixed by Rome, the action taking place in the Judgment Hall of Connal More of Ulster. The author draws a most amusing picture of the culinary complications arising in the King's household consequent on the King's observance of the old Eastertide and his wife adopting the new. The dialogue is witty and provides many chuckles, but the big moment in the little play is the trial in argument between the Cogitosus and Romanus, head of the Munster monks. Liam Redmond's speech and argument as Cogitosus here were models of elocution. Excellent also was Michael Clarke as Romanus. There was some admirable character acting by Michael Dolan (Connal More), Ria Mooney (Queen Blanaid), Denis O'Dea (steward), Austin Meldon (the Bishop) and others.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR POPE'S ANNIVERSARY

A day of prayer and general Communion throughout the world will be observed in May—probably on Ascension Day (the 14th)—to mark the 25th anniversary of the Episcopal consecration of the Pope on May 13, states a Vatican City dispatch to the Vichy News Agency.

Low Mass will be said in St. Peter's without any ceremony whatever, and the public will be admitted to the Basilica without formality. Its simplicity and austerity will be an expression of the spirit in which the Pontiff wishes the anniversary to be celebrated.—(Reuter.)

SPECIAL BELFAST RATE PROPOSED

A proposal that special rates should be levied by all local authorities in Northern Ireland in order to assist in meeting the loss of rate revenue in Belfast as a result of air raids has been made to the Six County Government by Belfast Corporation. The revenue loss will mean an addition to the rates of 2s. 10d. in the pound next year.

Chungking reports say that there have been only two American casualties in Hong Kong—Mrs. Florence Webb, of Shanghai, who died from shrapnel wounds, and William Kailey, of New York, "missing, believed dead." There were 1,200 Americans in Hong Kong.

DIM LIGHTS BUT A BRIGHT CHRISTMAS

GOOD BUSINESS DONE IN DUBLIN

This Christmas Dublin missed its lights, but had one of its best Christmasses. The thousands of people who came south of the border to have "a good time," thought themselves in fairyland. They walked up and down O'Connell street, and gazed with wonder at the cowled overhead lights, and the fairly bright and very busy shops.

"There was more money spent in Dublin this Christmas than ever before," it was stated at leading hotels. The larger hotels were crowded out for the holidays; restaurants were so thronged during Christmas Eve that managements were obliged, probably for the first time in memory, to close their doors while serving patrons on the premises before they re-opened to admit more from queues outside. People almost fell over themselves to spend money, often on purchases whose cost would have interested a certain Government department.

Visitors did not spend all their time looking at the street lamps. They found, to their amazement, that they could actually buy cigarettes. They filled their pockets with cigarettes, and city folk had plenty left for themselves because there was a special delivery of them to the retailers for Christmas.

The conduct of some who imbibed Christmas cheer unwisely and too well seemed reprehensible, in view of the fact that many people in other parts of the world are hungry, if not starving. The great majority of Dublin people, however, observed the season in a proper, and even edifying, manner, and in their own enjoyment they remembered and helped their less fortunate fellows.

DANCES

WARD UNION HUNT

The Ward Union Hunt Ball at the Gresham Hotel on St. Stephen's Night was attended by nearly 600 people.

Those present included:—Captain R. Gill, Captain G. Holmes, Dr. and Mrs. Drummond, Mr. and Mrs. J. McCauley, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Moore, Mrs. S. Browne, Mr. and Mrs. H. O'Leary, Miss Eva Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Reynolds, Mr. and Miss Armstrong, Mr. and Mrs. L. Counihan, Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Cannon, Colonel McLoughlin, Dr. Murray Hayden, Mr. and Mrs. J. Esmonde, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Rooney, Mrs. Gogarty, Mr. and Mrs. V. Rogers, Dr. M. Hill, Dr. H. Redmond, Mr. and Mrs. E. Jelcitt, Mrs. M. Voyse, Miss D. Shepperd, Captain R. Martin, Mrs. S. Waddington, Mr. and Mrs. T. Hyde, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hanlon, Mrs. T. Diggin, Mrs. M. L. Egan, Mr. and Mrs. M. Leonard, Mrs. H. Wilson, Miss B. Russell, Messrs. Leo Whelan, H. Hartigan, S. Lynch, E. Craigie, A. N. G. Reynolds, J. Woods, G. Mullen, R. Brady, Mr. McCann, R. F. Usher, F. Callanan, J. White, and S. White.

SOUTH DUBLIN HARRIERS

The South County Dublin Harriers' Hunt Ball, held on Friday night in the Leeson Spa Hotel, was attended by a large number of people.

Among those present were:—Dr. L. Flanagan and Mr. P. Dunn (Joint Masters); Mr. J. Hunt (Hon. Secretary); Professor Mr. J. Byrne (Hon. Treasurer); Mr. W. Hickey (Hon. Whip); Mr. K. Ichibashi (Japanese Vice-Consul); Commandant and Mrs. Cleary, Commandant and Mrs. Horan, Surgeon and Mrs. Barniville, Lieutenant and Mrs. Paget McCormick, Mr. and Mrs. W. Kavanagh, Mr. and Mrs. D. Shortall, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Kennedy, Messrs. L. O'Reilly, P. Mullaney, P. Clarion, C. Reilly, E. Gallagher, J. Mansfield, K. Moore, T. Kennedy, P. Connolly, Misses R. Sheehan, G. Hunt, J. Brogan, P. Owen, B. Fagan, and Dr. N. McMahon.

McGUIRE'S COLLEGE, DUBLIN. Classes resume work on to-morrow (Tuesday), December 30th. —(Advt.)



Enjoying the Christmas concert in the Childrens' Ward of the Royal City of Dublin Hospital.

LICENCES FOR SALE OF FLOUR

Flour can be sold wholesale only under licence on and after the 19th January next.

The Department of Supplies announces that after that date it will be illegal for any person to sell flour wholesale unless he is licensed, and heavy penalties may be imposed on anyone carrying on business without the authority of a licence. Licences can be obtained by flour wholesalers on application to the Department of Supplies, Earlsfort terrace, Dublin.

U.S. FREEZES HONG KONG ASSETS

NEW YORK, Saturday—President Roosevelt to-day issued an Executive Order freezing Hong Kong assets in the United States, according to a Washington despatch to the Dow Jones Agency. All financial and trade transactions in which Hong Kong interests are involved are brought under Governmental control. The Order also provides for automatic freezing of the assets of any other territory occupied or overrun by Axis forces.—(Reuter.)

During his recent journey to Chungking General Wavell was at Rangoon aerodrome when it was bombed by the Japanese. Very little damage was done to the aerodrome, and there were no military casualties.

BRITAIN AND BULGARIA AT WAR

A supplement to the *London Gazette* on Saturday announced that Britain and Bulgaria are now at war.

The *Gazette* stated that the British Government have been informed by the American Government, who were in charge of British interests in Bulgaria, that a declaration of war by that country on Great Britain was announced in the Bulgarian Parliament on December 13th.

"His Majesty's Government," it is added, "have so far received no official communication to this effect from the Bulgarian Government, but in view of the above information it is hereby notified that a state of war exists between the two countries as from December 13th."

ITALY BUDGETS FOR BIG DEFICIT

ROME, Saturday.—The ordinary Budget for the next financial year was approved at to-day's Cabinet meeting, over which Signor Mussolini presided, says the Stefani Agency. The figures were:—Expenditure, 43,825,544,000 lire (about £480,000,000 at pre-war rates), and revenue 35,425,600,000 lire (£390,000,000).—(Reuter.)

Omagh R.D.C. Loses £1,500.—At Omagh Rural Council meeting on Saturday last, the Clerk reported an annual loss of £1,500 on labourers' cottages.

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CRUISKEEN LAWN

By MYLES NA gCOPALEEN

NEXT to your work-shy dividend-sustained "Communist," Ireland has few worse things to offer than the people who avail themselves of my Ventriloquist Escort Service. I am becoming annoyed with these cows. No matter how good the escort is, he cannot get away with the illusion that his client is making the smart remarks if the latter persists in lolling about with a gaping mouth and rolling eyes. If the client cannot even temporarily remove his stupid, vacant, bovine expressionlessness, the escort is largely wasting his breath. We have lectured and pleaded with these people, but the only result is a thick "Whaa?" It is a shame and a great pity.

I have at last thought of something that may be a remedy. On the analogy of cast-off clothing, I am prepared to pay readers a reasonable sum for their cast-off thoughts. Drop a postcard to this office and my representative will call. The colder and paler sort of thought is what I'm after. When I've got a suitable selection, a way will be found to transfer, assign, or impute them to the dumb-bells who hire out my escorts. The idea is to nurse them to the stage when they will be "sicklied over with a pale cast-off thought."

Loquitur

The brother takes a very poor view of Irish racing.

Does he?

Lost a packet a fortnight ago on a thing that he got from the jockey. Says there was last-minute orders to pull. The brother was inside havin' a rossiner and didn't get the wire. Ten quid down the drain along with a five-pound-note sent across from the other side by Mr. Carse.

Mr. Carse is the English gentleman?

The brother's pal beyond in London. The brother was telling me a good one. When he was across in the summer Mr. Carse asked him how much you had to pay to get a horse stopped. Would twenty-five quid do it, says he.

Twenty-five quid? says the brother. Man alive, they'd pull down the grand stand for twenty-five quid, says he. But don't run away with the idea that you'll get much off a jockey for a glass of malt.

That would be a foolish expectation.

They're too crooked to be bribed, so the brother says. Pay them a salary and you'll get a nag or two at six to four with half the country on it. And the trainer. Now, there's a nice crowd of men for you. Imagine spending your life buying and selling crooked jockeys, double-crossing your own mother, telling your pal to put a fiver on a horse and then paying your jock a tenner to pull the mouth out of him.

A somewhat complex existence.

Mr. Carse was telling the brother about a meeting he was at on the other side. The starter was doped.

That was an exceptional occurrence, one hopes.

The finishing judges couldn't see the grand-stand, so the brother says, pumped full of whiskey by your men the owners. Of course, the horses were beside themselves with the needle. One of them threw a fit and threw the jock, too. The animal had to be shot. These lads don't care what they do.

A reckless folk, admittedly.

But isn't it hard luck on the workin' man that puts down his shilling or half-dollar? The brother says there is only one thing to do.

And what is that, pray?

Call the Guards when you see that everything isn't right. Give the jockey in charge. With intent to deceive by a trick—you know the game. That's your only man, so the brother says.

News for the Kiddies

Readers will recall my book handling service, which enables non-brows to give visitors the impression that they can read. A special Junior Service is now available for precocious youngsters who loath piano practice. Their books of scales and arpeggii will be handled for a small consideration, carefully smeared with toffee-stains, plain dirt-stains, blots, chocolate smears, crude drawings of square men, and a thousand other little signs of constant use.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Gas Rationing in Cork.—An announcement by the Cork Gas Consumers' Company indicates that, until further notice, the hours during which the gas supply will be available in Cork City will be—Sundays, 6 a.m. to 10 a.m., 12 noon to 2 p.m., and 5.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.; week-days, 6 a.m. to 9.30 a.m., 10.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m., and 5.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.

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Incurable T.B. Cases in Omagh.—It was reported at Omagh Guardians on Saturday last that incurable tuberculosis patients were being sent from Tyrone Sanatorium to Omagh Union Hospital, and were a serious danger to other patients, as the hospital was overcrowded. Mr. Watson said that it was alarming to find these patients in the same wards as little children. A resolution was passed calling on the Tyrone Council to cease sending incurable patients to the Union Hospital.

OBITUARY

RICHARD M. GOUGH

His many friends in the Army and elsewhere will grieve to learn of the death, at the age of 21, of Richard Mannix Gough, of the 6th Field Co. of Engineers, which occurred on the morning of Christmas Eve after a three weeks' illness. The beloved son of Richard and May Gough, of 44 Merrion road, he had joined the Army only some five months ago, where he had become as popular as in Anglesea Tennis Club, of which he was a prominent member, and previously, in Richmond Street Christian Brothers' Schools. He was buried with military honours at Glasnevin Cemetery on St. Stephen's Day.

PROVINCIAL BANK'S NEW DIRECTOR

Mr. Patrick Bourke, Chief Officer in Ireland of the Provincial Bank of Ireland, Ltd., has been elected a director of the bank.

AUCTIONEERS' YEAR BOOK

The Year Book and Diary of the Irish Auctioneers' and Estate Agents' Association for 1942 contains a good deal of information in addition to the usual features of such publications. This includes a lecture by a senior counsel on the Landlord and Tenant Act, 1931; legal decisions on matters of interest to the profession, legal points for auctioneers, and the "Story of the Willow Pattern," by Arthur Power. There is also a valuable list of books of reference pertaining to auctioneering, valuations, etc.

Lieutenant-General Sir Henry Richard Pownall, new British Commander-in-Chief, Far East, has been granted the acting rank of General, with effect from December 5 last. Sir Henry, who is 54, has arrived at Singapore and taken over from Air Chief Marshal Sir Robert Brooke-Popham.

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Mr. Liam O'Reilly and Miss Pat Owens out with the South County Dublin Harriers' Boxing Day meet at the Spa Hotel.

Andreas Weisberger, celebrated violinist, who was awarded the great medal for art and science by the late Sultan Abdul Hamid when a child prodigy of seven, died in Tel Aviv yesterday, aged 42.—(Reuter.)

FOUR INJURED IN MOTOR CRASH

When motoring from Limerick races last Saturday Mr. D. Galvin, Carrick-on-Suir, collided with Mrs. Bridget Fogarty, Kilfeakle, and her sister, Miss Catherine Quirke, Knockballymore, Bansha, at Knockballymore Cross, about three miles from Tipperary town. Both women were thrown to the ground, and a bicycle which Mrs. Fogarty was leading was smashed. Mrs. Fogarty was injured in both legs. Miss Quirke sustained rather serious head injuries. The car was also badly damaged, Mr. Galvin and his wife, who accompanied him, being cut about the head and face by fragments of glass from the door. Dr. J. F. Coffey, Dr. E. V. Coffey, Tipperary, and the Rev. J. Hammersley, P.P., Golden, were early on the scene. Mr. and Mrs. Galvin went on to Cashel, where their wounds were attended to. Mrs. Fogarty and her sister are in a private hospital in Tipperary.

MALAHIDE CHILDREN ENTERTAINED

Practically every child in Malahide, without distinction of class or creed, was present last Saturday in the Public Library at a children's party. They numbered more than 400, and were the guests of the people of the town and district, who contributed to a local party of carol singers, organised for the purpose. After tea gifts were distributed, and a pageant staged illustrating various Christmas carols, with the help of the choir, Mr. George O'Donnell acted as M.C.

FINANCIAL EVENTS IN 1941

BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S HUGE EXPENDITURE

FROM OUR LONDON FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENT.

WHEN so much depends upon the progress of the war, it would be futile to speculate upon the probable course of Stock Markets in 1942, but certain conclusions can be drawn from the principal financial events in 1941, although these almost fade into insignificance when compared with the much more important military and political developments.

The period saw a continuance of the policy of cheap money, with the result that, although the sums borrowed by the Government for war purposes were of unparalleled magnitude, the average interest cost since the beginning of hostilities has probably been no more than 2 per cent. The highest rate was the 3 per cent. paid on Defence and Savings Bonds (fairly long-dated) securities, and the lowest the 1 per cent., at around which three months' Treasury bills were placed for the greater part of the year.

Incidentally, the demand for these Treasury bills was very keen, and on one occasion the applications for the £75,000,000 reached the high record of £186,505,000. Not only did Loan and Discount rates rule at a low level during the past twelve months, but almost throughout they showed no quotations from day-to-day.

There was in 1941 no Government issue of a medium-dated character, such as the 3 p.c. War Loan, 1955-59 for £300,000,000 placed in 1940. Apart from Treasury bills, which were offered for tender each week, and the temporary borrowing on Treasury deposit receipts, the Government relied upon "tap" issue and additions to the Post Office and trustee savings banks' deposits.

£11,750,000 A DAY

A feature of 1941 was the extent to which "small" savings contributed to the finance of the war effort.

One aspect of the huge Government expenditure, which towards the end of 1941 was at the rate of £11,750,000 a day, was the indirect effect it had upon the market for Gilt-edged securities. There was, for example, an expansion during the year of £506,300,000 in the aggregate deposits of the eleven London clearing banks, a movement that enabled them to add nearly £256,000,000 to their investments, apart from increasing the Treasury deposit receipts by £415,000,000. Admittedly, the increase in investments may have been entirely in respect of new War Loans, but part may have represented older securities.

As the expansion in bank deposits, and the consequent necessity to increase investments, will continue, the circumstances afford some indication as to the probable course of the Gilt-edged market in the coming year. Much may depend upon the war, but it is noteworthy that almost throughout 1941 any unfavourable turn in the situation had little or no lasting effect upon market valuations.

Further, it is virtually certain that money rates will be maintained in favour of borrowers. The total of the bank deposits at the end of December constituted a record. Another was the growth in the note circulation of the Bank of England to £751,244,516 —(a high record)—an amount comparing with about £529,000,000 at the start of the war, and showing an increase in the course of a year of over £134,000,000. The reasons for this movement have been discussed in the past.

COST OF THE WAR

The additions to the actual and potential purchasing power represented by the increase in the note circulation and in bank deposits would have produced an acute state of inflation probably had not the Government taken preventive steps in the shape of price controls, heavy taxation and restrictions upon avoidable spending.

The 2½ p.c. National War Bonds, 1946-48, which were first offered in January, 1941, were withdrawn at the close of business on August 14, and, as the notice of withdrawals was not accompanied by the announcement of a new issue, the subscriptions for the 1946-48 Bonds amounted to £96,000,000 in the last eight days in which this series was available. A new issue was not announced until October, and then it was found that 2½ p.c. National War Bonds, 1949-51, were offered at par, which represented more favourable Government borrowing, having regard to the longer life of the issue.

In December the Chancellor of the Exchequer introduced a vote of credit for £1,000,000,000, the fourth of that amount during the current financial year, stating that the total expenditure of the war since the outbreak of hostilities had reached the colossal figure of £8,300,000,000.

He announced the issue of a new security which could be used by large taxpayers to facilitate their remittances to the Exchequer—a departure particularly welcomed by companies liable for E.P.T. who can tender these "tax reserve certificates" in payment of tax obligations, the certificates earning interest of 1 per cent. per annum when used for that purpose.

THE BUDGET

Evidently it is hoped to obtain the use of part of the accumulating balances of the banks more readily than by borrowing them indirectly on Treasury deposit receipts.

The Budget announced no new indirect taxation, but the Chancellor raised the standard rate of income tax from 7s. 6d. to 10s. in the £, with an important revision of the personal allowances for earned incomes. The proposals which included one for the deduction of income tax from wages were expected to increase the number of taxpayers by 2,000,000.

A leading feature in 1941 was the almost sustained firmness of markets, and especially that for British Government and similar securities, which were influenced by various circumstances apart from political events. One was that by reason of the steady addition to their resources in the shape of deposits, the banks were virtually compelled to increase their investments. Another was the monetary position, but the most important was the heavy selling whenever the political situation appeared to be discouraging.

As also the new issue market was closed to all but Government borrowing, the market readily responded to a steady investment demand; for the supply of stock was not increased by sales by real holders.

The 3½ per cent. War Loan was again the barometer of the market. At the worst the price went to 102⅛, but just before the stock was quoted ex the December 1 dividend it touched 106⅝. Fluctuations in 2½ per cent. Consols were between 76⅞ and 82⅝; in 3 per cent. Conversion between 101⅛ and 103¼, and in 3 per cent. Funding between 98⅜ and 101¼.

MOST SEVERE TEST

The most severe test to which markets generally were subjected was when Japan attacked both the British and American forces in the Far East, and snatched an initial victory. This development, naturally, affected some securities more than others, among them the shares of Eastern and Australian Banks and of Malayan Tin Mining and Rubber Companies, all of which were marked down more or less severely, although the fall was followed by some steadiness on a little bargain-hunting. Naturally, Japanese Government Bonds suffered a severe slump.

Less uniformity of movement, perhaps, was shown by Industrial Ord. shares, which, in addition to general considerations, were also affected by special circumstances, such as higher taxation, limitation of raw materials and working results.

Considering all things, the profits and dividends announced were not unsatisfactory, and some undertakings showed a recovery in 1941 from previous depression. When at one period of the year there was a very optimistic feeling regarding the war almost throughout the country Industrial Ordinary shares were rather actively bought, and prices rose sharply. Afterwards British-American Tobaccos were particularly affected by the events in the Far East, where the company has important interests, and for the same reason Dunlop Rubbers gave way sharply. The former fell during the year from 5½ to 4⅞, with a recovery towards the end of the year to about 4½, and Dunlop Rubbers from nearly 40s. to 31s., with a rally to about 33s. Courtaulds moved between 26s. 9d. and 36s. 9d., and were quoted about 33s. 6d. at the end of December.

Various Oil shares were depressed by the Far Eastern developments, after being strengthened by events in Libya.

A feature in Mines was the advance in De Beers Defd. shares to 9 on the resumption of dividends, the company having benefited from the increased sales of diamonds. This price compared with the year's lowest of 4⅞.

DUBLIN EXCHANGE

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FOOD AND PRODUCE MARKETS

CATTLE.

DUBLIN METROPOLITAN.—Numbers on sale as compared with last day—Beasts, 1,300 (increase 276 head). Notwithstanding some increase in supplies, numbers offered were smaller than expected. Cross-Channel inquiry was again good, but local victuallers showed a reserved attitude. Nevertheless, market proved a good selling one and cleared inside previous values, at—Best bullocks 52/- to 54/-, good commercial sorts 49/- to 51/-, rougher 44/- to 48/-; best heifers 50/- to 52/-, secondary types 48/- to 49/-, others 43/- to 47/-. Beef cows also in larger supply, but few buyers put in an appearance, and trade ruled slow at—Best young cows 32/- to 40/-, secondary 26/- to 30/-, aged 20/- to 25/- per live cwt.

SHEEP AND LAMBS.—Supplies totalled 400 head, for which there were few buyers, and the bulk of arrivals remained unsold at a late hour when values were—Prime wethers, 11d to 1/- secondary 10d. to 10½d.; ewes best 9d. to 9½d., others 8d. to 8½d. per lb. and lambs 30/- to 55/- each.

DONCASTER.—Best English milk beasts to £70, raising heifers £45 to £55, 1-to three-year bullocks to £28; sucking pigs 20/- to 35/-, strong store pigs to 75/-.

CARLISLE.—Smaller supplies and trade quieter in consequence of the Christmas holidays. Quotations:—Feeding bullocks £26 to £30, wintering bullocks £22 10/- to £26, feeding heifers £24 10/- to £26 10/-, wintering heifers £21 to £23.

PROVISIONS.

DUBLIN FRUIT AND VEGETABLE.—Market closed.

DUBLIN FISH.—On offer: two lots lobsters and a small amount from county senders. Demand good at—Lobsters 15/- to 21/- per 15; soles, black large 5/- to 5/4, medium 3/-, slips 1/9; brill 2/- to 2/10, turbot 2/- to 3/- per lb.; plaice 37/- to 104/- and ray 32/- to 48/- box.

DUBLIN POTATO.—Supplies ample for requirements at—Arran Chiefs, Dates and Kerr's Pinks 6/6, mixed whites 5/6 to 6/- per cwt.

GRIMSBY FISH.—Lemon soles and plaice 15/-, haddocks, sprags, codling, coal-fish, and dogfish (heads on) 7/-; skinned headless dogfish 14/-, cod and gurnard (heads on) 7/-; smoked haddocks 14/6, skinned smoked fillets 22/3 per stone.

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Clondalkin Paper Mills' meeting is reported in Page 2.

WALL STREET HIGHER

NEW YORK, Saturday.—The Stock Market opened barely steady, and trading continued irregular. Activity increased towards the close, and the pivotal issues fluctuated widely. Gains ranging to a point were well scattered.

Bidding was attributed partially to the idea that a broad upturn is in the offing as soon as tax selling has become exhausted and reinvestment demand has asserted itself. However, the critical situation in the Far East remains a brake on speculative urge. Tobacco shares responded to the price increase, and gains of 2 to 4 points were recorded.

The trend at the close of the market was irregularly higher.—(Reuter.)

	Thurs.	Fri.
Call Money	nil	nil
London Cables	4.03⅛	4.03⅛
Montreal Cables	4.69⅛	4.69⅛

Parity	STOCKS	Closing Bid Sat.	Fri.
23/-	Baltimore and Ohio	2⅛	2⅛
4/-	Canadian Pacific	3½	3½
79/4½	Louisville and Nashville	64½	65
81/3½	N.Y. Central	7⅛	7
221/4	Norfolk and W. Common	179	179
229/2	Pennsylvania	17⅝	17⅝
144/-	Reading	11⅞	12
123/1½	Southern Pacific	10¼	10
19/-	Southern Railway	15¾	15¼
73/4	Union Pacific	59	58
	INDUSTRIALS.		
172/-	Allied Chemical	139¼	137½
—/—	American Locomotive	—/—	—/—
—/—	American Metal	—/—	—/—
71/3	American Can	57½	59½
48/-	American Smelting	38¾	39¼
146/5½	American Tel. and Tel.	116¼	116½
23/3½	Anaconda Copper	26⅞	—/—
79/-	Bethlehem Steel	63¾	62
—/—	Case (J. I.)	—/—	—/—
54/-	Chrysler Corporation	43⅝	43⅞
164/5	Eastman Kodak	133	133
30/1½	General Electric	25	25
37/1½	General Motors	29⅞	29½
31/11½	International Nickel	25⅝	—/—
1/9	Do. Tel. and Tel.	1⅛	1⅛
44/-	Kennecott Copper	35⅛	35
2/5½	Radio Corporation	2⅜	2⅜
18/9½	Shell Union	15	15
19/3	U.S. Rubber	15¼	16⅛
64/9½	U.S. Steel Common	52½	50⅞
140/5½	Do. Preferred	113¼	112½
29/3	Woolworth	23½	23⅝
—/—	Silver Com. Bars	—/—	85½
5/11½	Brazilian Traction	4⅝	4⅝
11/3	B.A. Tobacco Coupon	9	9
	BONDS.		
—/—	U.S. Treas. 3¼% '45-56.	—/—	—/—
—/—	7% German Ext. Loan...	—/—	—/—

* Ex dividend

MONTREAL EXCHANGE

Exch. Equiv.	STOCKS	Closing Bid Sat.	Fri.
71/3½	Brazilian Traction	7⅛	7⅛
—/—	B.C. Power "A"	—/—	—/—
1/3	B.C. Power "B"	1.25	1.25
9/3	Canadian Celanese	2⅝	—/—
5/3	Canadian Pacific	5⅛	5
13/11½	Imperial Tobacco	12¼	12⅝
38/3½	International Nickel	34¼	33½
14/13½	Shawinigan Water	13¼	13½

COMPANY NEWS

British Northrop Loom.—Net trading profit is £9,159 lower at £10,438. Dividend 7½ p.c. (Same.)

Broome Rubber.—The directors do not propose to proceed with their recommendation of a final dividend of 7½ p.c.

Ghana National Bank.—Semi-annual dividend of 70 cents per share on the capital stock (same).

Duckwari Tea and Rubber.—Consideration of interim dividend deferred (against 7½ p.c.).

BIRMINGHAM MOTOR QUOTATIONS

Friday's closing prices:—Alvis 3/9, Austin "A" Ord. 17/1½, Birmid Industries 64/-, B.S.A. 20/4½, Brockhouse 53/6 x.d., Clifford Components 6/6, Dennis 21/-, Dunlop Rubber 33/-, Enfield Cycle 17/3 x.d., Ford 24/3, Guy Motors 2/1½, Heenan and Froude 7/10½, Humber Pfrd. 12/9, Leyland 71/-, Lucas 65/3, Morris 32/9, Napier 6/9, New Hudson 39/6, Pressed Steel 21/-, Raleigh 59/- x.d., Rolls Royce 91/3, Rovers 16/6, Serck Radiators 70/-, Singer Motors 3/10½, Standard 16/3, Tilling 46/6, Triplex 30/6, Tube Investments 86/-. AIRCRAFT—Bristol 10/9 x.d., Fairey 14/9, Hawker Siddeley 12/9.

Following a shooting tragedy, in which a 15 years old boy was killed, at Heathfield, Sussex, on Saturday, a Canadian soldier disappeared, and Home Guards are still seeking him. The boy went, with two other boys and the soldier, on a rabbiting expedition in a wood. The soldier had a double-barrelled breech-loading sporting gun. Somehow the boy received a full charge in the head at close range from the sporting gun.

JANUARY SALE

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ROAD TO COMMERCIAL PROGRESS

THE road to commercial progress must be trodden by employer and employé hand in hand and shoulder to shoulder, observed Mr. W. F. Weir, hon. secretary, at the annual general meeting of the Dublin Branch of the United Commercial Travellers' Association of Great Britain and Ireland (U.K.T.C.A.) Incorporated, in the Central Hotel, Dublin, last Saturday night.

Mr. A. W. Kirkpatrick, President, presided.

In the course of his report, Mr. Weir recorded that there had been 66 new members during the year, which number was, he stated, a "record." There had been a net gain in membership of 45. The total membership now was 517.

Among those who had died was Mr. William Findlater, one of the most prominent members of the branch. Mr. Findlater had been president of the branch in 1918 and 1919, and President of the whole Association in 1919 and 1920.

It was only right to express thanks to the many employers who had tried to fulfil the wish of the Government, and to retain, as far as possible, their staffs, even if it meant an extra burden on them to do so.

One of the main planks of the Association always had been the securing of co-operation between employer and employé. They held that the one road to commercial progress must be trodden by employer and employé, hand in hand, and shoulder to shoulder.

Capital and equipment and knowledge must be balanced by sympathy, justice and equity; sympathy, justice and equity must be interwoven with capital, equipment and knowledge if they were to reach commercial success, and it was pleasing to see that that spirit, even if slowly, was coming in.

The report of the hon. treasurer, Mr. J. H. A. Simms, showed a credit balance of £281 1s. 1d.

Both reports were adopted

Mr. A. W. Kirkpatrick was re-elected President; Mr. J. R. Smyth was elected Chairman; Mr. F. Luger, Vice-Chairman; and Mr. W. F. Weir was re-elected hon secretary, and Mr. J. H. A. Simms, hon. treasurer.

The election of the Committee for 1942 (Diamond Jubilee Year) resulted as follows: Messrs. P. J. Nealon, M. Keating, D. O'Brien, R. W. Killen, W. J. Quigley, P. McCartan, A. Cregan, J. H. Greene, J. Coghlan, J. Nevin, J. F. Hurley, G. E. Reid, J. Delany, J. Kernan, P. F. Holland, W. Cuthbert, J. A. Rutledge, G. E. Ledbetter, S. A. Thompson, M. O'Rourke, E. J. Tucker, A. M. Browne, C. J. Kelly, J. N. Quigley, S. R. Erskine, W. McGreevey, J. Freeley.

FUNERAL

MR. WILLIAM A. DAISH

The funeral took place from Ardeeven terrace, Dalkey, to Dean's Grange Cemetery on Saturday of Mr. William Ashford Daish.

The Rev. Canon Barker, Killiney, officiated at the graveside.

The chief mourners were:—Messrs. Victor, George, and Arthur Daish (sons); Messrs. H. Brisbane, F. M. Dempsey, J. C. Hutson, E. M. Watson, and B. B. Weakes (brothers-in-law); and Mr. B. M. Daish (nephew).

The general attendance included:—Messrs. G. C. Higginbotham, C. G. Higginbotham, F. Clegg, E. F. Plunkett, R. V. Plunkett, J. Plunkett, L. Plunkett, J. H. Martin, P. C. Mortished, C. Jacob, P. E. Matthews, J. J. Fitzpatrick, J. E. Twamley, C. E. Macauley, G. V. Kirwan, W. J. Callow, V. H. Peake, Frank Hugh O'Donnell, R. W. Jeffares, T. J. Little, W. G. Fallon, Geo. Collopy, R. G. Davis, N. H. Metcalfe, R. Mangan, W. A. Armstrong, E. W. Bailey, F. S. Velton, S. E. Roland, C. Fagan, M. Barry, M. Dwan, S. Tuliywood, P. A. Foley, J. A. Hunter, W. J. Callow, H. V. Roche, F. Coughlan, M. J. Bowes, J. Carey, A. F. Hutson, D. H. Hudson, L. F. Dean, H. A. Collins, J. R. Ramsey, H. Cochrane, J. Lees, J. Graham, T. Bell, S. Meyer, J. D. O'Connor, J. Delaney, M. Duane, S. O'Brien, M. Barry, R. Plunkett, T. Hunter, T. Plunkett, W. J. Kirwan, and T. F. Dallaghan (representing Palmerston F.C.); F. L. Wolfe and P. S. Harris (representing Old Wesley F.C.); and T. E. Murphy, D. J. O'Connor, J. J. White, and A. Curtis (representing Bective Football Club).

CHURCH SERVICES

ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL.—Matins at 10 o'clock. Psalm, 15. Chant, 55. Ubi Fortitudinis, 63. Carol XVIII. Evensong at 4 o'clock. Psalm, 19. Chants, 32-26. Magnificat, Nunc Dimittis, Garrett in D. "On Christmas Morn," Carol XI.

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL.—Matins at 10.45 o'clock. Venite, 440. Psalm, 139 (441). Te Deum, 174, 175, 172. Carol 11. Evensong at 3 o'clock. Boys' voices only. Psalm, 142 (406). Magnificat, 679. Nunc Dimittis, 537. Carol 4, "As Joseph was a-walking."

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